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"We Learn By Teaching"

NEW PRESIDENTS' ADDRESS

As the Chicago Coin Club begins a new year, we face new opportunities as well as old problems. Our opportunities include a chance to contribute to our community and to educate each other. Our problems continue to include membership and apathy. We are not merely a fraternal order, but also a true numismatic organization and, as such, we must be dedicated to education. Obviously, any good teacher knows that the key to a worthwhile education is enjoyment. Thus, we must put the "fun" back into the Chicago Coin Club. Our superlative speaker programs and our excellant exhibitors need to be heard by more people.

So my primary goal as new President is to bring old members back and entice new members to join. I need your help and ideas. This is your club as well as mine. We must reach out to other area coin clubs - each club has something unique to offer - once again we must share ideas.

The new Board will meet more frequently than before - most business should be discussed at Board meetings, not regular meetings. Our By-laws are the foundation of C.C.C. Like our country's Constitution, they must be honored. But, like the Constitution, sometimes they must be amended. Change is only disruptive if the Clubs' interests are ignored. Change can be a positive.

I pledge to do my best to further the interests of the Chicago Coin Club. I ask your help in accomplishing this goal.

Gerry

It has taken the Club almost nine months to acknowledge the procedural errors that caused the mistake in the Associate Membership statis. It would seem shortsighted to refuse to recognize that the same errors also seem to have affected the Club's intention to remove the dues structure from the By-Laws. To rectify this oversight, prior to any additional problems being caused, should seem to be in the Club's best interests and , therefore, it is proposed that Article III Dues, Section 2. be reconfirmed as being altered to:

"All dues shall be in amounts to be determined by the Board of Governors."

According to the Club's resident legal expert, Bill Mock, this once approved should be followed by a proposal that it be accepted "pro nunc tunc" to January of 1986. For most of us, this merely means that "although in error, the dues as collected for 1986 shall stand as being correct".

After a Happy Hour (drinks courtesy of Ed Milas of Rarcoa) that was watered out to almost two hours, the 815th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by First Vice President, Gerard Anaszewicz, at 8:05 PM on Wednesday the 10th of December, 1986 at the Bismark Hotel in the Lincoln Room. It was announced that all nornal Club business would be waived with the exception of the following activities:

1. Guests for the evening, as follows, were introduced: Helen Wickland, Phylis Johnson, Esther Goldberg, Anne Anaszewicz, Janet Leonard, Bess Flower, John Anaszewicz, Holly Simpson, Christopher Grundy, Laura Michaels and Priscilla Grundy.

2. Enjoyment of the appetizing banquet of roast chicken with savory dressing or broiled Boston scrod, interspersed with seasoned conversations from the various tables, followed by the Bismark snow ball desert.

3. The Guest Speaker for the evening, Donn Pearlman, regaled the crowd with his presentation of "Alleged" Key to Numerical Grading after which he was given the Club's Speaker medal.

4. The proposed slate of Officers for 1987 was approved unanimously with the following being elected:

President	Gerard A Anaszewicz
1st Vice President	Robert Leonard
2nd Vice President	Don Valenziano
Governor	Andrew Michyeta
Governor	Peter Jorstad
Governor	Joseph Tomasko
Archivist	Carl Wolf

5. The Cabeen Award medals for the outstanding exhibits of the past year were announced and given to those in attendance as follows:

First Place	Gerard A Anaszewicz
Second Place	George Lill III
Honorable Mention	Harry X Boosel
Honorable Mention	Harry Flower
Honorable Mention	Robert Leonard
Honorable Mention	Saul B Needleman
Honorable Mention	Carl Wolf

The Holiday Banquet was reluctently adjourned by unanimous vote as of 10:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Acting Secretary

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MEETING

Our meeting will be held January 14th, at 7:30 pm, in the 29 S. LaSalle Building, 11th floor, room J. Please attend.

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President Gerard Anaszewicz, 1st Vice President Robert Lenard, 2nd Vice President Don Valenziano, Archivist Carl Wolf,Directors Andrew McKeta, Joe Tomasko, and Peter Jorsted.

MEETING

Our meeting will be held February 11th, 7:30pm, at 29 South LaSalle St. 11th floor, room J. Please attend and bring a friend.

SPEAKER

At press time arrangements had not been finalized for a guest speaker. If you know of an interesting topic or individual who would be available for a future meeting, contact Bob Lenard.

BIRTHDAYS

13th, Emily McKnight, 21st, William Boss

AUCTION 87-1

1 1960 CCC "Barrel" medals, 1 Silver & 1 Bronze
2 US 1858 sl Flying Eagle Cent fine
3 6 Credit Suisse, European auction catalogs
4 US Gold Coins an illustrated history, by Q David Bowers
5 Russia 1972 Official Mint set
6 Great Britan 3p, Shilling, and Half Crown each .500 Silver plus 2 Canadian 50 cent pieces in .800 Silver
7 32 modern forign coins
8 Kagins 1986 ANA and Phillip Van Cleve, auction catalogs
9 Bowers and Merina auction catalogs
10 US circulated 1922 Peace Dollar

Our condolences go out to Chester Poderski, his Mother passed away January 28th. She was nearly 95 years of age and had been in failing health for several years.

WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR MEMBERS...

Harry Flower's article on "Numismatic Tributes to Albert Einstein" was the featured cover story of the January issue of The Numismatist. He deserves our congradulations for doing a fine job of cataloging over 48 different types of Einstein material. The article should remain a reference for many years. Nancy Wilson of Milwaukee has declared her candidacy for the board of governors of the A.N.A. Our past-secretary, William Baker was a recent guest speaker of the Morton Grove Coin Club, where George Lill III now serves as President. Walter Perschke, of NUMISCO, was a featured speaker on the subject of numismatic investments while at the F.U.N. convention. Harry X Boosel was a speaker before the Oak Forest Coin Club, before departing our fair city to winter in Florida. He also had the honor to read a paper before the American Numismatic Society in New York. This past month, Carl Wolf spoke before 26 people at Lombard's Helen Plum Memorial Library on the general subject of coin collecting. It was received very well, especially the generous door prizes donated by member/dealer Bill Sheppard. Andrew Michyeta was also there as an observer as he is considering giving similiar talks around the city.

"OUR HERITAGE" COLUMN TO CONTINUE:

In February, the Chicago Coin Club will begin its 69th year. Times have changed a great deal since 1919, but the need for collectors to gather on a regular basis to share numismatic knowledge still remains. This is why we encourage everyone to bring an exhibit to each meeting.

To familiarize everyone with our past history and traditions "Our Heritage" column will continue through 1987. If you are interested in learning more about our Club's history, there is a complete and accurate account in our 800th meeting book Perspectives in Numismatics which the Club has for sale.

The information in the column has been gathered from a number of sources. The Club archives does not have the Official Minutes or any correspondence prior to 1938. In those instances, the reports published in The Numismatist were the source. As a side note, if you begin to calculate the meeting numbers, then you will see that for a period of time they were in error. For instance, in this month's issue, the 578th meeting held in January, 1967 is recounted. This was really the 576th meeting. This error started with the minutes of January, 1949 and was not noticed until the Club began to approach the 50th Anniversary Meeting in 1969.

Carl F. Wolf, Club Archivist

BOOK SALE - NEXT TWO MEETINGS - NOTHING OVER $5.00

One year ago I assisted in consigning Michael Powills' huge numismatic library to George Kolbe of California. There were a number of books Kolbe did not feel were worth shipping all the way to the West Coast, so they were packed up and will be offered for sale at our next two meetings. Topics include a wide variety of world coins, a small amount of U.S., a number dealing with orders, decorations and heraldry and several on banking and finance. Nothing will be sold for over $5.00. Some were issued in paperback and Mr. Powills had a hard cover added. Many are signed by the author and dedicated to Mr. Powills. For all you book lovers, there should be some real bargains here. I hope to arrive at the meeting room between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m., so arrive early. Carl F. Wolf

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Our Heritage

by Carl F. Wolf
Club Archivist

The Chatter
February, 1987

80 Years Ago:

The 37th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held February 1, 1907 in their meeting rooms at 1123 Masonic Temple. After adopting a new constitution and by-laws, Henry Chapman and S.H. Chapman were elected to membership.

William Jerrems read a paper titled "Suggestions on Coin Collecting." The exhibitors for the evening were: William Dunham: a set of Swedish plate money; Virgil Brand: a four-thirds thaler of Anholt; Ben Green: Indian wampum; Dr. Merrill: several world gold coins.

60 Years Ago:

The minutes of the 96th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club in February, 1927 are not in the Club Archives nor do they appear in The Numismatist.

40 Years Ago:

The 336th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held February, 5, 1947 with 65 members and guests braving the zero weather to attend. Anthony Cusentino was elected to membership. Messrs. Sheldon, Yeoman, Powills and Saab each spoke on the subject of National Coin Week and the planned activities. Some of the evening's exhibitors were: Mr. Speartone: factional currency shield, its purpose, storage and resulting damage from moisture; Mr. Saab: a commemorative gold set, a U.S. type gold set, a 1913 proof set and a Rumanian gold set of 6; Mr. Schulman: Misc. foreign rarities, including: a gold oban of Japan, 8 ducats of Nurenburg, a 1686 10 ducats of Netherlands, holy dollars, 8 baptismal ducats of Russia, 10 taler (1574) from Brunswick, platinum dubloon; Mr. Lind: 50 dollar sized coins from 50 countries; Mr. Cahill: plastic checker and poker chip struck from the which was a reproduction of an old Turkish coin and a U.S. 3¢ silver type set; and Mr. Ostrander: Elder, Lincoln gold tokens from 1928-1939, crown and gold roubles from Russian Emperesses Catherine and Elizabeth, 2 1/2 gulden and 5 gulden of Wilhelmina, 1/6 and 1/12 gold ducats of Hungary and 1/3 and 1/4 gold guinea of England's George III.

20 Years Ago:

The 579th meeting of the Club was held February 8, 1967 in the Plaza Room of the Pick-Congress Hotel with 29 persons in attendence. Some of the evening's exhibits were: Gerda Birkholz: selected George Washington medals and an article from The Numismatist; Harry X Boosel: a complete set of 17 crowns of the world issued in 1873 and 5 1873 gold dollars; Howard Eisenberg: a complete set of A.N.A. "Merit of Exhibit" medals; Marty Greene: an 1806 8-reales of Charles IV issued at the Potosi Mint; George Petr: 5 Canadian dollar notes and a Canadian Centennial Medal; and James Plath: a 1964 Kennedy half dollar with the top third peeled off due a defective planchet.

Our Heritage

by Carl F. Wolf
Club Archivist

80 Years Ago:

The minutes of the 36th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society in January, 1907 did not appear in The Numismatist.

60 Years Ago:

The minutes of the 95th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club in January, 1927 are not in the Club Archives nor do they appear in The Numismatist.

40 Years Ago:

The 335th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held January 8, 1947 in the Field Building with 89 members and guests present. The Club welcomed the return of Harry X Boosel from Germany who had not been able to attend for a period of time. The following officers were installed for 1947: President, I.T.Kopicki; V.P. Glenn Ostrander; 2nd V.P. Mrs. Caroline Merkel; Sec'y-Treas. Earl Brown; Directors: Earl Barger, M. Vernon Sheldon, Dr. Joseph Reich.

Some of the evening's exhibits were: Mr. Cahall: Proof sets 1936 to 1942, Booker T. Washington half dollar set, commemorative half dollar type set; Mr. Boosel: current German paper money, 5 gold sovereigns of Edward VII and Victoria, 4 gold 10 gulden of Queen Wilhelmina, 4 gold 10 gulden of William (1875-76), 5-10 mark and 1-5 mark German gold and 3-5 mark German silver; Mr. Sexton: the Montgomery series of Confederate bills $1000, $500, $100 and $50, Bradbeer 1, 2, 3 and 4 in crisp, uncirculated condition and uncancelled, a reassembled sheet of $50 notes of 1861 showing that there are 12 Varieties of position "D" instead of the two listed by Bradbeer; Mr. Jackson: 1902 series uncut sheets of $5 and $10

20 Years Ago:

The 578th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held January 11, 1967 at Harding's Resturant. The newly elected officers and directors were installed by Club member and A.N.A. President Matt Rothert of Camden, Arkansas. The officers were: President, James Grebinger; 1st V.P., James Babka; 2nd V.P., Martin Greene and Directors: Al Birkholz, August Hausske, J. Tomas Nolan and immediate Past President, Philip J. More. Sixty-eight people attended the installation and awards ceremony. The Medal of Merit was presented to Arlie Slabaugh and Gerda Birkholz was the recipient of the annual Literary Award.

If I missed anyone regarding the Associate membership mailing, please let me know. The records are not set up to provide for these situations.

1987 Dues are due !!!
Enclosed are an envelope (you provide the stamp) and a remittance slip. Please pay timely, the dues structure Please pay timely as the constitutional deadline of March 31, 1987 will be enforced.
THANK YOU !

Pete

THE FOLLOWING WAS A PAPER READ AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, LOS ANGELES, CA, AUGUST 20-26, 1932, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FEBRUARY 1933 ISSUE OF THE NUMISMATIST AND IS REPRINTED HERE WITH PERMISSION.

ENTHUSIASM

BY WALDO C. MOORE

Hobbyism is his one enthusiasm. Think of the enthusiasm of the trader in coins, in stamps, in autographs, in Indian artifacts, in antiques. Dare we the assertion that there never was a trafficker worthy of the tradition of the profession who would not rather buy than sell, in whom the collecting instinct is not more fully developed than the commercial? Enthusiasm leads him on to beggar himself for a desired coin, stamp, autograph, antique piece or whatnot even though he may have no possible customer in mind.

The enthusiast - we have met him, and so have you. He will drive night and day, through every weather, suffering discomfort and fatigue, to spend a few hours in some dirty attic or some other out-of-the-way depository or catch-all place where there is always the hope of finding some old coins or paper money, or some rare stamps, some interesting autographs or documents of importance.

Then, too, think of the enthusiasm of those workers in preservation & antiquarian & historical societies & museums, toiling with no possible chance of gain to themselves in order that the things of the past may be preserved to posterity. Enthusiasm is what leads the dealer, the collector & the worker to spend money & time they feel they can hardly afford - the enthusiasm for their hobby.

There is a popular superstition to the effect that the summer is a time of quiet, a season of flagging interest. We would beg to note an exception, however, in the case of the collectors of coins & medals, stamps, autographs, Indian relics, antiques. For them there is no period of let-down throughout the year. Their interest is as keen in June as it is in December. They tyify applied enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is an element of more importance to pleasant living than we commonly consider of usually & willingly admit. Without it the daily round becomes a task; it is oft dull & boresome. Without it we are altogether out of key with the spirit of the times.

Did you ever hear of a collector who was not an enthusiast? It is because collecting is a begetter of enthusiasm as well as an outlet for it that the curve of the hobby is steadily rising. Whether the object be to bring together a collection to be left to posterity through a museum, whether it be to amass a representative display to be sold at auction, whether it be to collect simply for the love of the things themselves, does not matter in the least.

Pause for a moment if you please. Think of the enthusiasm of the few pioneer collectors, who began their collections when they had little encouragement, when they had to suffer the taunts of their friends because they lived at a time when coins were thought of as merely money, when stamps were looked upon as merely scraps of paper, & when antiques were merely old-fashioned stuff. Their enthusiasm, however, armored them against sarcastic jests & notable scorns & gave them courage to bring together representative collections.

Think of the enthusiasm of the present-day collectors, who are too many to be named, but who persist obstinately in their hobby or hobbies, buoyed up & sustained by a fervor which will one day make their names revered. Enthusiasm is a fine thing to keep this old world going, & nowhere does it appear so strongly as among collectors.

Over the past few months our President, Gerry Anaszewicz, has been successfully persuading a few members at each meeting to stand up and tell a little about themselves and how they got started collecting. We all have been enjoying these little talks, so the following article is reprinted below from the December, 1938 Numismatic Scrapbook with permission from Coin World.

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"HOW I STARTED"

A GIFT STARTED HIM IN EARNEST

by Wade Huffman, Jr.

"I like to think back about two years ago, when I had a few Indian head cents, a silver dollar, and a Confederate bill. I had picked them up at different places but later lost them. Next I bought a large cent, but lost it, too. The large cent cost me 40¢ (a bargain I thought) from an old colored man.

"Then one day about a year later, my little brother gave me an Indian head cent - this started me collecting in earnest.

"I decided to collect U.S. coins as it seemed easy to get them. I have been a steady collector since, as coin collecting, to me, is the most interesting hobby in the wide field of hobbies."

WORLD'S FAIR RUMOR HELPED

by G. A. MacLennan

"A number of years ago my parents gave me a few old U.S. coins that they had accummulated. I then started to acquire the different odd coins found in circulation at that time. Hearing that Indian head cents would be valuable at the World's Fair (Chicago, 1932) I started saving them. On looking them over I tired to see how many dates I could obtain (not knowing then when they were first coined, or when coinage had been discontinued).

"later I obtained one of the coin cards and the person who sold it to me gave me one of Mr. Bolender's catalogues. In it was an ad of the A.N.A. which I joined. Later I received your magazine.

"I now have a fair collection of U.S. coins, with which I spend many an enjoyable hour."

STARTED AS A CHILD

by Dorothy Tighe

"When I was about six years old illness forced me to spend some months in bed quite near Christmas time. That year two people gave me five dollar gold pieces and another gave me a small strong box. In this box I kept, besides my gold pieces, all the pennies, nickels and dimes given me by visitors and as bribes for taking my medicine.

"Everyday I would spread my checker board on the bed and play school with my money. The Liberty head gold piece was the Mamma and the Indian head one was the Daddy but they were too valuable to play with so they stayed at home in the strong box. A two cent piece was the teacher but she wasn't very important because my school had recess all day and all the nickels and dimes and pennies played games and made pretty patterns on the checker board. My particular pet was a Canadian silver five cents and it was the hero of all the stories I made up about my coins.

"It naturally followed that I became curious about the pictures and inscriptions on the coins - I thought George V on my Canadian five cents was the cutest thing, especially his little beard - and ever since my interest and my collection have been growing by leaps and bounds."

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MEETING

Our meeting will be held March 11th, 7:30 pm, at 29 South LaSalle Street 11th floor, room J. Please attend .

SPEAKER

The featured speaker will be C.C.C. member Harry Flower. His topic, Numismatic Tributes to Albert Einstein. His paper by the same title was the lead article in the January 1987 issue of the Numismatist.

BIRTHDAYS

1 Charlotte Nagy, 4 Edgar Keller, Jules Marshfield, 7 James Budd,Bruno Rzepka 8 Louis Bergman, 11 George Lill, 16 Joe Tomasko, 19 Charles Ricard, 20 Sidney Bick, 25 D.B. Silberman, 29 Arthur Allen, 31 Andrew McKeta.

We do not have birthdays on file for the following members. Adm. O.H.Dodson, Dr Emanuel Frazin, Steven Helfer, David Henkel, John Kelly, Pearl Kopicki, Emily McKnight, William Mock, Eileen Peterson, and Paul Whitnah.

HARRY X BOOSEL, A.N.S. FELLOW

C.C.C. member Harry X Boosel has the great honor to have been elected a Fellow of the American Numismatic Society in New York.

Fellows are limited to 200 in number and constitute the voting membership of the Society. Mr Boosel joins a distinguished group of numismatists that includes Club members Margo Russell, Oscar Dodson, Richard Yeoman, and Audrey Bebee.

PAID ADVERTISMENT
BOOK SALE AT MEETING-NOTHING OVER $5

Carl Wolf will offer two more cartons of books from the Michael Powill estate at the March meeting. Arrive early to get the best selection. Topics include world coins, banking and finance, decorations and orders, and heraldry. Many are signed by the authors.

The 817th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday February 11, 1987. The club observed a moment of silence for Chet Poderski's mother.
The minutes published in the Chatter were approved with the following correction: the phrase "home on" (found in the exhibit listing) should have read "homecoming". The treasurer's report was approved as read.
The speaker for the evening was Gerry Anaszewicz with the topic of Russian Orders, Medals and Decorations.
A second reading was held for Phyllis Johnson after which she was elected to membership.
A letter from Marcella Sheldon was read in which she returned the club's check for $300 and insisted that the club keep the money. A round of applause followed.
The club will look into sponsoring M. Vernon Sheldon for the ANA Hall of Fame.
A letter was read from prospective members whose application had to be refused because of the inability to attend a meeting. Discussion followed on the possibility of amending the by-laws to permit membership without the current requirement of attending a meeting.
A suggestion was made to hold the club banquet every two years to coincide with the election of officers and because of poor attendance.
It was announced that Harry X Boosel was elected a Fellow of ANS, and that Harry Flower had an article published in the Numismatist.
The treasurer was given permission to open CD's with maturities of six, twelve and eighteen months.
A motion to permit the names of exhibitors to be printed in the Chatter (with exhibitor's option of anonymity) was tabled until the next meeting.
A poll of members present was positive. a Formal vote will be taken in March.
A motion to reimburse an officer or his designate for reasonable costs of a dinner for non-member guest speakers, with reasonableness to be decided by the Board, was approved.
George Lill III's resignation from the Audit and Book committees because of personal time committments was announced.
A motion for the Board to form a committee to obtain elongated cents for CICF with authorization to expend up to $100 was approved.
A reminder: National Coin Week is April 19-25.
Saul Needleman was presented with the Past President medal.
The Archivist displayed some correspondence from the clubs files, which included a letter from B. Max Mehl.
The exhibits for the evening were:
- One dollar U.S. with 10% offset printing on back
- a book that took a year and a half to get
- Coins of Mardin - 4 pieces

The monthly auction was held, followed by adjournment at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary/ Treasurer

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Last month an envelope was included with the Chatter for your convenience.
Please pay timely as the constitutional deadline of March 31, 1987 will be enforced.

Regular membership:	$10.00	Junior membership:	$ 5.00
Associate membership:	$ 1.00	Non-resident:	$10.00

THANK YOU !

The 816th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday January 14, 1987.
The December minutes were approved as printed in the Chatter.
Glenn Hudrlik was the guest speaker for the evening with the topic of the First Copper Coins of the U. S. Mint. At the End of his talk, he was presented with the Speaker's Award.

The November and December treasurer's reports were accepted as read.

Charlie Ricard officially swore in the new officers of the club.

Bob Lenard reported that the hard cover edition of the book was recently sent to the bindery.

The Cabeen award rules were submitted and records were submitted to Archives.

The President appointed the new committees and offices:

-Chatter: Don Valenziano
-Finance and Audit: George Lill III
Bill Mock
-Secretary/Treasurer: Pete Jorstad
-Programs and speakers: Bob Lenard
-Awards and exhibits: Don Valenziano
Andrew Michyeta
George Lill III
-Book Committee: Gerry Anaszewicz
George Lill III
Bob Lenard

Carl Wolf is to undertake an inventory of the Archives.

A dues increase to Juniors- $5; Associate - $1 and all others to be $10 was approved. The amendment as published in the Chatter was approved, along with a motion to make it effective nunc pro tunc. (That is, effective as of when it was intended to have been effective)

It was recommended that the Board review the following for possible By-Law amendments:

Procedure for calling a Board meeting;

Ineligibility of president for Chairing a major committee; and the awarding of the Medal of Merit.

A motion to hold the April meeting at CICF (April 3-5 at Hyatt) at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 4 was approved.

The club expenses were reviewed and a motion was made and passed that as long as the club meets at the Chicago Bar Association and the cost ren=mains at $50, approval is given for payment of future billings.

A motion to send Marcella Sheldon a case (36) of the soft cover and refund her payment for the books was approved.

The exhibits for the evening were:

- 5 COPIES of ancient Greek coins
- 2 Silver Indian Round Ingots with Vishnu
- 2 French Deneirs of Charles the Bald
- G.A.R. 29th Encampment Badge Louisville Kentucky
- A Moroccan 1189 AH (1775-6 AD MITKAL)
- Chicago Numismatic Society's Nashville Medals in silver and bronze with accompanying copy of the June 6th Chicago Tribune
- 7 Atlantic $1 Casino chips, articles from Coin World 1/1/87 & 11/12/80 describing them and indicating that they circulated as money & Harvey's Guide to Collecting Gaming Checks and Chips

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary - Treasurer

Our Heritage

by Carl F. Wolf
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80 Years Ago:

The 38th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held March 1, 1907 in their meeting rooms at 1123 Masonic Temple.

After electing to membership J.B. Johnston and T. Louis Comparette, Mr. Tracy read a paper titled " Various Issues of the Russian Five Kopeck Pieces." The evening's only exhibitor was Virgil Brand and he showed many international crowns "which were unusual, both on account of rarity and condition."

60 Years Ago:

The minutes of the 97th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club in March, 1927 are not in the Club Archives nor do they appear in the pages of The Numismatist.

40 Years Ago:

The 337th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held March 5, 1947 with I.T. Kopicki presiding and 88 members and guests present. The following were elected to membership: Noble E. Olsen, Theodore H. Rich, Thomas Motis, Manuel Zeedyk, Frank E. Kratovil, Elston G. Bradfield and Helen P. Brown.

A motion was passed that the Club donate $25 to the American Red Cross. Many announcements were made regarding the upcoming National Coin Week and all the public exhibits the members were planning to make. Some of the exhibitors for the evening were: Mr. Cahill: a 1939 100 francs gold piece of Switzerland, 1937 Vatican City Pius XI coin set. Irish Free State set and a 1944 South African proof set; Mr. Doak: first issue U.S. Postage Currency 5¢ with A.B. Co. Plate No. 1, uncut sheets of 10¢ second issue U.S. fractional currency, 3 notes of the rare 50¢ seond issue and 3 notes of 15¢ Grant and Sherman red and green backs; Mr. Jackson: U.S. $10 gold pieces of 1797, 1798, 1800, 1801 & 1804, $5 Mexican gold coins of 1800, 1813 & 1818, and a 1793 one cent, Chain AMERI, in extremely fine condition; and Mr. Powills: a proof set from India.

20 Years Ago:

The 580th meeting of the Club was held March 8, 1967 with 32 persons in attendence. Mrs. James Grebinger and David Franck were elected to membership. William Pettit, who would become a future president and is known by many of us, attended as a guest of Al & Gerda Birkholz. Some of the evening's exhibits were: James Grebinger: Jefferson nikel struck on a cent planchet; William Pettit: coins and medals of the French Pretenders; Gary Krug: two World War I propaganda Medals by A. Zudikow and a 1933 German Grand Prize Medal for motorcyclists; and Philip More: numismatic awards and a personal medal.

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PLEASE NOTE OUR APRIL MEETING CHANGE

The 819th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held

12:30 P.M., SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Water Tower Rm., Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 E. Wacker Dr., Downtown Chicago
Chicago International Coin Fair
Speaker: Simon Bendall, A. H. Baldwin & Sons Ltd., London
Topic : "The 2nd Edition of Byzantine Coins & Their Values"

Mr. Bendall has recently co-authored the 2nd edition of Byzantine Coins & Their Values, due to be published in September. The book was last published in 1974 and immediately became the standard collector handbook on this series. Mr. Bendall will give the Club a preview of what this 2nd edition contains in the way of revised attributions, new discoveries, reorganization and price structure. He is the world's leading authority on late Byzantine coins and over the last twenty years has authored several books and numerous articles on this subject.

Much research has been completed in this field since 1974 and there is still much to discover. Members who attend will come away with a better appreciation and understanding of the work and research that goes into publishing a numismatic reference book.

PLEASE NOTE OUR APRIL MEETING CHANGE AS DISCRIBED ABOVE

This meeting will be our regular April meeting. We will not hold a meeting on the second Wednesday of April. Our May meeting returns to the second Wednesday, May 13, at our usual meeting site 29 South La Salle, 11th floor, Room J, 7:30 p.m. Our May program will be a member's benefit auction.

ELONGATED COINS PRODUCED FOR C.I.C.F. MEETING

The Club has produced 100 1919-S elongated cents to be given to everyone who attends our C.I.C.F. meeting. After this, the remaining pieces will go on sale for $1 each. We chose 1919 because it is our founding year and 1987 coins are not yet available. Seven 1919 Mercury dimes were also rolled. One will be placed into the Club Archives along with one of the cents. Another will be presented to our speaker. The remaining five will be given to those exhibitors whose name is chosen at random. So be sure to bring and exhibit.

YOUNG NUMISMATIST PROGRAM AT THE C.I.C.F.

A program for young collectors will be held at the C.I.C.F. on Saturday, April 4th, 10:30 a.m. If you know of any young person, 17 years of age or younger, who might be interested, then please bring them. Material is now being gathered for door prizes and a play-money auction. A.N.A. President Florence Schook and Carl Wolf will be conducting the event, just as they have for the past four years.

A NIGHT AT NUMISCO

At least twenty-five to thirty Club members enjoyed themselves the evening of April 14, at NUMISCO, 1423 W. Fullerton. The Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit made this their first stop of a twenty-two state tour. The exhibit has been put together to honor the bi-centennial year of the U.S. Constitution. Included in the exhibit was an original Magna Carta, the U.S. Constitution with hand-written notes added by a representative who attended one of the ratification congresses, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the Mayflower Compact, the the Northwest Ordinance and more.

Walter Perschke has loaned the exhibit his rare Brasher Dubloon and a Nova Constellatio 500 unit quint and everyone got a chance to view these two numismatic rarities for the first time.

We each waited our turn to see this exhibit and managed to get in some good conversation as we were treated to wine and cheese compliments of NUMISCO. We also added our John Hancocks to a giant copy of the U.S. Constitution. It was an enjoyable evening for everyone.

It would have been far more convenient had we known about this invitation one day earlier. It could have been announced at our meeting. But, it was just not to be. Mr. Perschke was not able to finalize the affair until late Wednesday evening. This meant alot of scrambling on everyone's part. The telephone lines were really busy and every local Club member should have been called by someone, probably David Simpson, Chester Poderski or Carl Wolf.

BIRTHDAYS

1 Charles Ryant, 4 Irene Garcia, 13 Keith Weddell, 15 Robert Leonard, 16 Rolf Knauz, 26 Rod Widok, 27 Don Valenziano, 30 J. Thomas Nolan

Our Heritage

by Carl F. Wolf
Club Archivist

The Chatter
April, 1987

80 Years Ago:

The minutes of the 39th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society in April, 1907 did not appear in The Numismatist.

60 Years Ago:

The 98th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held April 6, 1927 at 2700 S. Wabash Ave. with V.P. Josephson presiding and 33 members and 3 guests present. David L. Nelson was elected to membership.

Following a short talk by Dr. Rackus on exhibiting, Mr. Golding, Wilson and Ripstra each spoke on the subject of medallic production. Some of the evening's 11 exhibitors were: Mr. Cederlund: plate money of Charles XI, one daler of 1662 and two daler of 1674; Mr. Davis: 15 pieces of Irish gun money and 50¢ and 75¢ pieces issued by Potter Palmer; Mr. Josephson: dollar and 1/2 dollar California gold pieces, 1/2 escudo of Costa Rica and two 5 grusch gold pieces from Egypt; Dr. Rackus: a 1506 crown of Hungary; Mr. Budvitis: examples of all U.S. commemorative coins in both gold and silver.

40 Years Ago:

The 338th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held April 2, 1986 in room 152 of the Field Building with 73 members and guest present. George H. Bridges was elected to membership.

President Kopicki read a letter from Wm. Guild regarding the neglect of coin collections in the Smithsonian Institution. There was a lengthy discussion of the subject by Messrs. Saab, Powills, Sheldon, Green, Boosel and others. A motion was passed that the Club write a letter of protest against such neglect and copy A.N.A. President Belt and all other A.N.A. member clubs. Everyone was encouraged to write their congressman and senators. Mr. Lee told the story of a large hoard of gold ($227,000) found in a cellar of a farmhouse in S.E. Minnesota. After several rulings the government finally recognized the hoard as numismatic materical and allowed Mr. Lee to purchase it, which he disposed. The complete story was very interesting. Some of the exhibits were: Mr. Rayson: 16 sets of Maundy Money from1662 to date; Mr. Pokorney: a 1943-P cent struck on a dime planchet; and Mr. Ostrander: a hoard of Roman bronze coins found under a castle in England in the 1850's.

20 Years Ago:

The 581st meeting of the Club was held April 12, 1967 at the Pick-Congress Hotel with 51 persons in attendence. Following an auction which included gold coins, the following 8 members presented exhibits: William Hoppe, Dennis Anderson, George Petr, J. Thomas Nolan, Harry Flower, Harry X Boosel, Glenn Smedley and I.T. Kopicki. Mr. and Mrs. Al Davis and William Pettit were elected to membership.

The 818th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday March 11, 1987.

Guests for the evening were: Karen Santini, Don Srebny, Richard Rodgers, Jim Jirku, Esther Goldberg and Ronald Schaffner.

The minutes of the January and February meetings were approved as published in the Chatter.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was Harry Flower with the topic "Numismatic Tributes to Albert Einstein." After his talk he was presented with the club's speaker award.

It was noted that Nilton Garcia's birthday is February 22 and that this fact was omitted, through oversight, from the Chatter birthday listing.

The April meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency on Saturday, April 4,1987 at 12:30. The Guest Speaker will be Simon Bendall on Byzantine coins.

It was announced that Past-President Saul Needleman presented gold-colored CCC 800th meeting medals to the following committee members for their efforts in conjunction with the 800th meeting celebration in September 1985:

Banquet:	Charles Ricard	Book:	Gerard Anaszewicz
	Carl Wolf		Robert Leonard
Medal:	Tom DeLorey		Saul Needleman
	George Lill III	Public	
	Andrew Michyela	Relations:	David Simpson

One medal is also in the archives.

The May meeting will be the club auction. No commission will be charged to members.

Charlie Ricard was appointed to the Audit Committee.

One hundred elongated cents and seven dimes have been prepared for the CICF meeting. One dime will be presented to the Guest Speaker, one to the archives and five as 'door prizes' for exhibitors.

A motion to include the names of exhibitors in the minutes unless an exhibitor specifically requests that his/her name not be printed was approved.

The exhibits for the evening were:

Gerard Anaszewicz - 1795 Large Cent; Bill Sheppard - Error $10 note; Frank Zaylik - Commemorative Type Set of Halves, Lafayette Dollar and Isabella Quarter; Harry Flower - Counterstamped $5 and two counterstamped $1 bills; Robert Leonard - Two books by T. Louis Comparette a new member of the Chicago Numismatic Society as of March 1907: Catalog of the Coins, Tokens & Medals of the U.S. Mint Collection and AES Signatum (reprint); Andrew Michyeta - Liberia Proof set: Foreign coins minted in U.S. Mint; Ben Odesser - Skokie Blvd Scarett's Dot Patterson 25c GOOD FOR DRINKS ONLY token.

The Archivist reported on prior CCC elongated coins.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary - Treasurer

1987 Dues are due !!!
This may be your last Chatter if you do not pay your dues !!!!!
Please pay timely as the constitutional deadline
of March 31, 1987 will be enforced.

Regular membership:	$10.00	Junior membership:	$ 5.00
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THANK YOU !
Pete

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MEETING

Our meeting will be held May 13th, 7:30pm, at 29 South LaSalle Street, 11th floor, room J. Please attend and bring a friend.

SPEAKER

The guest speaker for the evening will be C.C.C. member Harry X Boosel. His subject " The Coinage and Crime " of 1873. This paper is scheduled to be published by the American Numismatic Society as part of Americas Silver Coinage 1794-1873.

BIRTHDAYS

2 Donn Pearlman, 3 Roy Rawsthorne, 8 Stanley Kruswicki, 10 Martin Vink, 11 Ronald Laurent, 13 William Higgenbotham, 23 Steven Helfer

C.C.C. at C.I.C.F.

Many of our members were active at the Chicago International Coin Fair. Carl Wolf led the Young Numismatists meeting where Alan Pierson spoke of the importance of reading numismatic books. Gerard Anaszewicz presented a talk on Russian orders and medals to the Russian Numismatic Society. Brian Stubbs was the speaker at the International Bank Note Society, his subject was African bank notes. The show was organized by Ed Milas.

VOLUME 38 AVAILABLE

The Editor has four copies of volume 38 (1986) on hand. For a five dollar controbution to the club you may obtain one.

Club offers show wood

Wooden nickel from Rantoul (Ill.) Coin Club's recent show can be obtained for 25 cents plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope from Charles Earle, 135 Village Park, Rantoul, Ill. 61866.

A Tribute to Lee F. Hewitt

On April 25, at 10 a.m., Lee Hewitt's cremated remains were laid to rest in Ridgewood Cemetery, following a short memorial service. The Club was represented by Carl Wolf, Club Archivist, who was invited to give a eulogy. It is printed here as a further tribute to a truly great numismatist and Club member.

"Lee Hewitt was a member of the Chicago Coin Club and the American Numismatic Assoc. for fifty-five years. He will long be remembered for the good companionship he gave and received. He was one of those fortunate people who made a career out of his hobby. He enjoyed the work and the traveling to conventions that came with the job and he derived from it a great deal of fulfillment and reward.

Lee was blessed with good foresight plus the courage to follow his intuition and he became a pioneer in his hobby. He went into uncharted areas, took new directions, succeeded where others failed and soon the hobby followed. As in so many other things, Lee instinctively knew, before anyone else, what was wanted, why it was needed and how to do it effectively.

Lee was a practical and level-headed man, who never minced his words. Friends and numismatic leaders, oftentimes, sought his sound advice and counsel. He had a great deal of influence over the hobby with his position as founder, publisher and editor of Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine, but he was a man of principles and he never abused the privilege. Lee was not the kind of man to seek awards, but nearly every major numismatic honor was bestowed on him. With each, his many accomplishments were cited and they became a part of his enduring legacy.

All this, plus so much more, made Lee Hewitt an international personality in his hobby, who was loved and repected by everyone who knew him. Lee was a giant in the eyes of the numismatic community. Words cannot express our deep sense of loss over his passing."

A Letter in the Archives from Lee F. Hewitt

During World War II, several members of the Chicago Coin Club served in our armed forces. The Club Archives is sprinkled with letters from "the boys," as the members liked to call them. What follows is one of my favorites. I hope you will agree.

October 30, 1943

The meeting notice of Ladies' Night was forwarded to me from Fort Custer. Have been down here in Oklahoma for the past two weeks, so I regret that it will be impossible to attend.

We have German prisoners of war at this camp - mostly members of Rommel's African Corp., who were captured in Tunisia. Many of them are fine physical specimens - all seem to have well developed legs. The other day someone commented on the leg development of the p.w.'s and one of them spoke up in English, "You'd have good legs too, if you walked 6,000 miles thru Africa."

Many of the prisoners still have a supply of German, Italian and Tunisian coins - run of the mill stuff. They are paid here in scrip, good only at the compound PX. I haven't seen a specimen of this internment camp money yet, but the p.w.'s that work get paid tomorrow, so I suppose they will all have pockets full of it. Incidentally, the U.S. soldiers are not allowed to do swapping with the p.w.'s.

The local interurban uses metal tokens, so if any members who are transportation token collectors want a specimen, give them my address and I'll send some for a dime each.

There is nothing more to report in the numismatic line, altho more may turn up. Most of the coins in circulation are D mint. About half of the cents are steel, black as [the] ace of spades.

Yours, Lee

It was an animated scene of busily conversing members and guests in the Water Tower room of the Hyatt Regency on Saturday Afternoon, the 4th of April, as some 50 people took time away from the activities of the bourse floor during the Chicago International Coin Fair to attend the 819th meeting of the CCC which was finally called to order by President Anaszewicz at 1:45 PM. A gracious "Thanks" was extended to Ed Milas and Rarcoa for their courtesies extended towards the Club. It was moved and seconded to postpone all Club business until the May meeting. All in attendance were reminded that the Club's "800th Meeting" medals and soft cover book were still available and might be examined after the formal meeting was over. Introductions were made and a round of welcoming applause was given to the following guests: Bruce Bartelt, Jerome Binsfeld, Mike Braulin, Phil Bressett, Jack Guevrekian, Jane Hutchins (Coin World), Gary Johnson, Michael Mahoulich, H R Moore, Chuck Prock, Charles Rekow, Marc Ricard, Arlyn Sieber (World Coin News), Florence Schook (ANA), Robert Tomasko and Susan Trimbo. V.P. Leonard introduced the Featured Speaker for the afternoon, Mr Simon Bendall (A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd) who had traveled all the way from chilly London to chilly Chicago to speak warmly of the trials and tribulations of bringing a book (2nd edition of Byzantine Coins & Their Values) to the public through such minor obstacles as incapable printers, lost and misplaced manuscripts, unanticipated delays which in turn caused the need for updating of information and thus further delays as the updated information was squeezed in, updating of coin valuations as the delays dragged on and finally the financial problems being encountered by Seabys which has caused some uncertainty as to whether the book shall ever encounter the hands of anxious collectors. His talk was followed by several questions prior to the need to limit further question until after the formal meeting was over due to the number of exhibits that were still to be seen. After a round of applause for Mr Bendall he was presented with one of seven special elongated 1919 dimes prepared by the Club for this years CICF meeting, as well as the Club's bronze Speakers Medal. First reading for membership was made for Don Srbeny. Exhibitors for the afternoon were: Gerard Anaszewicz, Don Doswell, Harry Flower, Robert Leonard, George Lill III, Thomas Michell, Drew Michyeta, Saul Needleman, Chester Poderski, Charles Ricard, Dave Simpson and Carl Wolf who displayed such diverse items as: a Soviet military decoration for victory over the Japanese; issues # 111 & 112 of the Society of Medalists; US coins altered for fraudulent purposes; coins supporting the recent ANS Newsletter on additions to the Americas Collection; uniform buttons as struck by the Potosi mint, bearing the mint monogram, which are sometimes mistaken for Bolivian Proclamation coinage; a Yugoslavian 1000 dinar coin; a French Indo China 1940 10 centime as struck by the San Francisco mint; a 1795 Clifford's Tower penny token from Yorkshire, England; several sets of stamps and medals marking the same event or exposition; several gold US dollars from the Dahlonga mint; a groat of James VI of Scotland and a sampling of Siamese porcelain gaming tokens. A random drawing of names of exhibitors was held with five of the remaining 1919 elongated dimes (the seventh going into the Club Archives) being won by Gerard Anaszewicz, Harry Flower, Robert Leonard, Charles Ricard and Carl Wolf. The Club Archivist displayed several photos of the CCC and ANA booth at the 1932 Chicago Hobby Show. The CCC President introduced the ANA President, Florence Schook who was greeted with another round of applause. It was moved and seconded to adjourne the meeting at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Acting Secretary

Our Heritage

by Carl F. Wolf
Club Archivist

The Chatter
May, 1987

80 Years Ago:

The 40th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held May 3, 1907 in their meeting rooms at 1123 Masonic Temple with 15 members present. Christ Sorensen was elected to membership.

The exhibitors for the evening were: S.H. Chapman: Continental currency consisting of 1/6, 1/3, 1/2 and 2/3 dollar dated 1776, and two varieties of original pewter Continental dollars of the same date, pointing out the similarity of workmanship; Theo. Leon: territorial gold coins from $10 to $50 denominations and several Greek Tetradrachms and U.S. greenbacks; Virgil Brand: a number of well preserved Roman first brass including one of Gordianus Africanus II, a sharp triple thaler of Brunswick, silver 10 francs of Geneva, a proof double thaler of Waldeck, a gold 10 ducat of Wallenstein and a 10 ducat piece of Ferdinand of Aragon.

As the Society had moved to new rooms in the Masonic Temple, President Dunham had a souvenir medalet struck in bronze for the occasion. Only two were struck in silver and were presented to Chester Dunham and Ben Green for reading papers that evening. The papers were "The Relation of Coin and Stamp Collecting" and "Why Collect Coins?"

60 Years Ago:

The 99th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held May 4, 1927 with 30 members present. Mr. Gore, from the Hyde Park Hobby Club, was a guest and was introduced as one of the youngest numismatists they had ever met. Some of the evening 7 exhibitors were: Mr. Brown: new coin issues of Greenland; Mr. Josephson: 3 Athenian and 10 Alexander (the Great) tetradrachms, 3 dollars of the Chinese Republic, a Straits Settlement dollar, an Abyssinian dollar and a 5 mark piece from Germany; Mr. Lawless: a 1798 and 1799 dollars; and Mr. Cristobal: a number of Roman bronzes and dollar sized silver pieces.

40 Years Ago:

The 339th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held May 7, 1947 in the Hamilton Hotel with 80 members and guest present. Charles B. Stearns, Jr., Katherine W. Sterans and John Giello were elected to membership. Some of the exhbits were: Mr. Cahill: 1909 5-crown of Austria; Mr. Brown: 1945 South African proof set and 1944 and '46 uncirculated coin sets from Southern Rhodesia; Mr. Cabeen: 2 pieces of scrip from Buchenwald Prison; Mr. Saab: numerous Europeon gold coins; Mr. Bebee: complete sets of Lincoln cents and Washington quarters in plastic holders; Mr. Klein: a near complete set of Morgan and Peace dollars; and Mr. Pennington: a talk about Roman betting with a silver sestertius of 180 B.C. equal to 2 1/2 bronze asses and a sestertius of Nero, 54-68 A.D.

20 Years Ago:

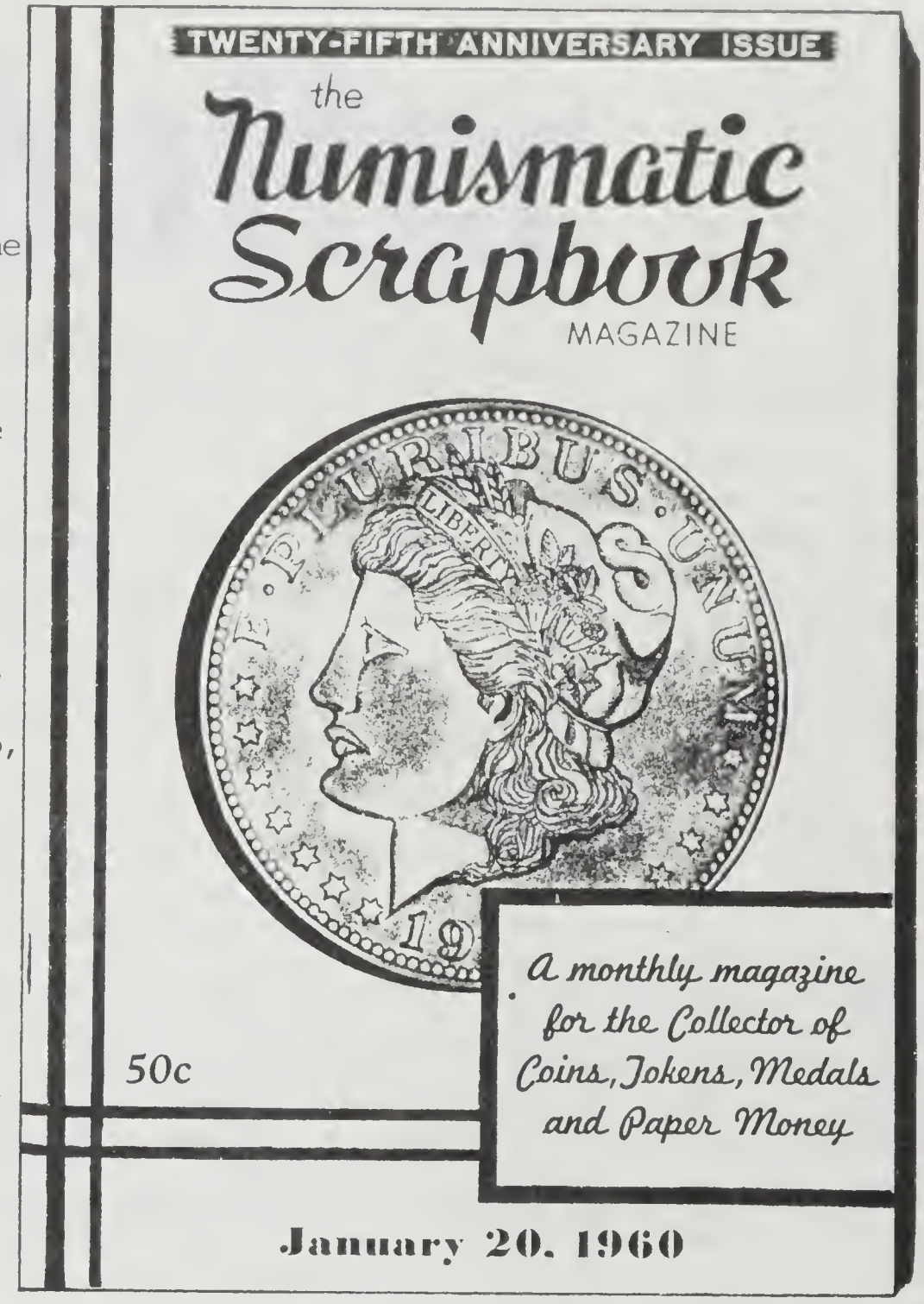
The 582nd meeting of the Club was held May 10, 1967 with 40 persons in attendence. It was announced that Frank Zaylik had recently married and that Howard Eisenberg had been awarded a Nat'l. Defense Foreign Language Fellowship and would participate in a special program which would include traveling to Moscow, Leingrad, Kiev and Yalta. There were 9 exhibitors.

LEE HEWITT, 76, PASSED AWAY APRIL 15

near his home in Florida, after a short hospital stay. A long-time resident of Chicago and the most senior member of the Chicago Coin Club, Lee served as President in 1971 and received the Club's 1957 Medal of Merit. As founder, publisher and editor of the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine from 1935 to 1967, he was one of our hobby's most popular and respected personalities.

His cremated remains were buried April 25 in Ridgewood Cemetery, Des Plaines. Lee was preceded in death by his brothers, Clifford and Robert. He is survived by his wife of six years, Bernice, his sister, June Larsen of Chicago, his sisters-in-law, Edna Hewitt of Des Plaines, IL and Christine Hart of San Diego, CA and many nieces and nephews.

He was born Lee Francis Hewitt on January 1, 1911 in Keokuk, Iowa. His father, a dentist in Downing, Missoui, died when Lee was 13. Two years later, his mother died and the family moved back to Keokuk to live with their maternal grandmother. Lee always got top grades in school, even though he worked part-time for his uncle at Van Doren Printing and as an usher at the local movie house. He graduated one year ahead of his class, learning early in life to make his own way.



A tuba player, Lee worked with dance bands and silent movie orchestras. When jobs became scarce with the advent of talking pictures, he signed on with a circus band. Six months later he was in Texas, still with the circus, but broke because he had not been paid. His brother and sister pooled their meager funds and brought him to Chicago, where they had relocated. By this time, his brother, Cliff, had started a small printing concern and Lee joined him. Their brother, Robert (Bud), came on several years later and their company became known as Hewitt Bros. Printing. They continued to work together for the next forty years, until their retirement.

Lee became interested in coins at the age of 12, when his father gave him coins picked up from his overseas travels in the armed forces. He lost interest during his teenage years, but when he was 21, he attended the January, 1932 meeting of the Chicago Coin Club, submitted his application and became member 215. He enjoyed the meetings so much that he never missed one during his first nine years. He also joined the A.N.A. in 1932.

Upon joining the Club, Lee became a member of the largest and most prestigious local coin club, at that time, in the country. Every meeting had 60 to 70 people in attendence, many of national stature. With their encouragement, the young printer felt the time was ripe for an independent numismatic journal. So in January, 1935, Lee published the first issue of Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine.

The early issues were modest little pamphlets, consisting of the latest numismatic news and the reprinted sections from rare and out-of-print coin books. Hence, the reason

he named the magazine "scrapbook." Within a few years, the magazine format was enlarged and the cover took on the charactoristic look it had for the next thirty odd years. The hobby began to boom and the Scrapbook grew with it.

Previously, current hobby news was not readily available and so the Scrapbook became the most popular coin magazine. So popular, that people would ask, even beg, for advance copies so they could take first advantage of the limited bargains featured in the ads. Lee, however, was a man of high principles and integity and he made sure that every issue went through the mail, thereby giving all his readers an equal opportunity. Many a collector can remember eagerly awaiting the postman's delivery of the latest issue.

At some point, Lee began to publish the "Hewitt Numismatic Information Series." This was a series of pamphlets dealing with every imaginable numismatic subject and they became quite popular with the growing and information hungry collecting community.

Quick to spot trends, Lee and his brothers foresaw in 1951 a coin collecting boom that would dwarf the previous ones. They were located at 5450 N. Clark St., where Cliff had started in the 1920s. Since they had no additional floor space to expand, land was purchased and a new printing facility was erected. They moved in July, 1952 and their new address became 7320 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine was sold in 1967 to Amos Press and shortly thereafter was combined into Coin World, but Hewitt Printing still remains in business today and is controlled by the family.

In time, nearly every high honor and award was bestowed on Lee. The American Numismatic Association awarded him their Medal of Merit in 1950 and bestowed upon him their highest award, the Farran Zerbe Award, in 1962, citing his enthusiasm for the hobby and his brief time as editor of The Numismatist in 1942, following the unexpected resignation of Frank Duffield. Then in 1978, he was inducted into their Hall of Fame along with two other Chicago Coin Club members: J. Henri Ripstra and Richard Yeoman. He and Yeoman had the distinction of being the first living persons to receive this honor.

Lee was also instrumental in 1939 in the formation of the Central States Numismatic Society and had been cited as one of their "founding fathers." He received their 1959 Medal of Merit, held the title of Honorary President and at the 1976 Chicago convention, the banquet was held in his honor.

With his column "From the Editor," Lee shared snippets of information. Sometimes he would reminisce, other times he would share his insight into a coming trend and he began to be viewed by his readers as a trusted and personal friend. In his day, people called him a "straight shooter." In other words, he was honest and "called the shots as he saw them." He was also practical and proud, and his friends loved him for it.

Lee had great powers of concentration and had an outstanding ability to absorb and retain information, which could best be described as an archival memory. He could remember the most remarkable details from event of fifty or more years ago. He was never good at telling jokes, but when he reminisced, he could make some long ago incident come alive for those listening.

Lee Hewitt was a numismatic giant. He stood tall, perhaps taller than anyone will ever stand again in our hobby. He was there through all of our hobby's changes and with his passing goes probably our last bridge between what our hobby was and what it is today.

Good bye, good friend. You will be dearly missed.

Carl F. Wolf, Club Archivist

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JUNE 10TH MEETING:

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m., at 29 S. La Salle St., 11th floor, Room J. The Guest Speaker for the evening will be James Koutsoures, who will address the Club on "Metals & Numismatics." He will show various samples of ores and metals, while discussing how each is used in the striking of coins and medals. Mr. Koutsoures is a machine shop teacher & he will have several sample dies on hand. Whether a novice or an advanced collector, every member should find this talk most interesting.

OTHER BUSINESS TO BE COVERED:

The 1986 Treasurer's Report has been audited and is printed in this issue. It will not be read in its entirety at the meeting. Please review it now and should you have any questions you can ask them at the appropriate time.

A proposal to amend the By-Laws has been presented to the Club which will be discussed and voted on at this meeting. The proposal would delete the underlined passage from Article I, Section 3, which follows: "Applications for membership shall be in writing and subject to such rules and regulations as may be established from time to time by the Board of Governors. All such applications shall bear the signature of a member in good standing for one year, as sponsor. All applications shall be read in detail at a regular meeting at which the applicant is present (non-resident application excepted) before being referred to the Membership Committee."

HARDCOVER BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

The hardcover of our book "Perspectives in Numismatics" arrived the last week in May. Their gold-stamped red covers are beautiful and you can pick up your copy at this meeting. Out-of-town copies should have been mailed by the time you receive this issue.

CHARLES RICARD TO REPLACE GERARD ANASZEWICZ AS CLUB PRESIDENT:

Since so many of our members are professionals, we must always be aware of the possibility that they may receive a transfer to another state. Although we are sad to see him go, we offer our congratulations to our President, Gerard Anaszewicz, who has accepted a promotion which requires him to move to Connecticut. This upcoming meeting will be his last as President, but he promises to come back for occasional visits.

It is the responsibility of the Board of Governors to fill any vacancy. At the May 13 Board meeting, they unanimously appointed Charles Ricard to complete this term as President. Mr. Ricard has been a member of the Club for about thirty years, is a past-president of the Rochester Numismatic Society & served for many years as Treasurer of T.A.M.S.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

3 - Edgar Lister; 12 - Rosalind Ryant; 13 - John Kelley; 22 - Paul Igelman; 27 - Jim Simek.

The 820th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Wednesday May 13, 1987.

Guests for the evening were: Karen Santini- Jorstad, Don Srebny, Jennifer Kraft, Mike Martin, Mrs. Becker and Joe Mercuri.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as read. The April minutes were approved with the following corrections:

- Attendance: 52
- The silver elongateds were awarded to Andrew Michyeta, Saul Needleman, Charlie Ricard and Jerry Anaszewicz.

The March and April Treasurer's reports were approved as read.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was Brian Stubbs with the topic "Paper Money of Africa."

It was announced that Saul Needleman was made a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society; that Jerry Anaszewicz will be moving to Connecticut and that Charlie Ricard was appointed by the Board to serve the remainder of the President Anaszewicz's term.

A discussion of whether to change the frequency of the Club Banquet resulted in no change being recommended. Of the 100 elongated cents ordered for CICF, approximately 15 or 16 remain. The Board appointed Carl Wolf to contact Medal of Merit recipients across the country for ideas regarding the procedures for awarding the Medal of Merit.

The members approved the Board recommendation that the Club donate $50 to ANA Numismatic Theatre.

A Board-recommended By-Law change was read:

Strike from Article I Section 3:
"at which the applicant is present (non-resident applications excepted)"

The treasurer reported that the Certificates of Deposit approved in a prior meeting would be opened in the next several days.

Heckman Bindery has been contacted and the hardcover edition of the book will hopefully be shipped in June.

A second reading for membership of Don Srbeny was followed by unanimous approval. First readings took place for Karen Santini- Jorstad and Joseph Mercuri.

The exhibits for the evening were:

Bill Mock- Coin from Asti and a bottle of Asti Spumante; Jerry Anaszewicz- 3rd Class Order of St. Stanislaus; George Lill III- coin holder of his preference that coincidentally held a Peruvian 1838 8 sol Proclamation coin of Cuzco; Joel Reznick- Brass encased Jefferson Nickel commemorating the Jefferson Jubilee & Democratic National Conference May 1950; Carl Wolf- Chicago Numismatic Roundtable 2 pieces of wooden money and 4 encased postage stamps; Charlie Ricard- 1986 United Nations Peace Medal in silver proof; Andrew Michyeta- 1898 Mexican peso minted in USA in 1949 and 1948 Mexican peso minted in Mexico; Saul Needleman- Civil War momentos of a miniball, bullet and enlisted man's button with eagle of US quarter and half of the early 1800's; Harry Flower- cut-out and re-engraved British penny of 1918; Bill Swoger- the trials and tribulations of a coin collector, in verse.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary - Treasurer

1987 Dues are due !!!

If this section of your chatter is highlighted, you have not paid your 1987 dues. Please pay your dues or it will be recommended that you be dropped from the membership.

Regular membership:	$10.00	Junior membership:	$ 5.00
Associate membership:	$ 1.00	Non-resident:	$10.00

THANK YOU !

BANQUET SUMMARY

Ticket receipts	$510.00
Milas reimbursement	115.71
	$625.71
Billing from Bismarck Hotel	594.21
Net Proceeds from Banquet	$31.50

BOOK SUMMARY

AVERAGE COST

Payments to Ares Publishing	$6,800.00
Other costs of production (approx)	138.00
Total cost before hard binding	$6,938.00
Average cost per book (961 copies)	$7.22

BOOK COUNT

Books produced		961
less: Ares office use		-10
less: to be hardbound		-149
Soft cover received		802
Less books accounted for:		
Paid copies	355	
Review copies	3	
Gift copies (re: hard cover)	17	
Abandoned at ANA	2	377
Estimate of books on hand 12/31/86		425
Estimated cost of books on hand		$3,068.50

CASH ANALYSIS *

Total Cash received from Book Sales Through December 31, 1986	$3,810.32
Donation	5000.00
	$8,810.32
Total Cash Paid for Book Through December 31, 1986	7401.28
Tentative Cash Profit	$1,409.04
Liability for Undelivered Hardcover Books	990.00
Cash Profit on Book	$419.04

* Figures include postage

I have prepared the schedules of Cash Receipt, Cash Disbursements, Cash Summary, Balance Sheet, Banquet Summary, and Book Summary from the books and records of the Chicago Coin Club.

Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary - Treasurer
Chicago Coin Club

Approved:

Charles Ricard
Audit Committee

Our Heritage

by Carl F. Wolf
Club Archivist

80 Years Ago:

The minutes of the 41st meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society in June, 1907 did not appear in The Numismatist.

60 Years Ago:

On June 1, 1927, the Chicago Coin Club celebrated its 100th meeting and 50 members attended a dinner at Cafe Marie. Although it is not exactly certain, "Cafe Marie" referred to in the report, may well have been the home of Alden and Marie Boyer as they had a very large home on the Near North Side and would commonly give large parties and sit-down dinners. Following the dinner, the Club returned to their regular meeting room at 2700 S. Wabash. In addition to 5 exhibitors, the members enjoyed 6 short talks from the following: Mr. Davis: extracts from an article on coin collecting from the Saturday Evening Post and a priced catalog of a mail auction sale of U.S. cents held in 1858, one of the earliest mail auction sales held in this country; Mrs. Davis: a short poem titled "Numismatic Wives"; Dr. Rackus: an interesting talk on primitive money; Mr. Ripstra: the die-cutter's art in America and medal collecting; Mr. Dunham: the story of his purchase of the 1822 half eagle; and Mr. Golding: the pleasures of collecting not only coins but also air mail covers, and he showed several covers bearing the signature of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

Although the Club issued a medal to commemorate the occasion, no mention is made of it in the 100th meeting report or for the next few months. The only mention that is made is a separate article with a photo in the October, 1927 issue of The Numismatist.

40 Years Ago:

The 340th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held June 4, 1947 with 60 members present. James H. Lee was elected to membership. A report was made on the recent Iowa Numismatic Association convention and many favorable comments were made by those members attending. Paul Weiger of Los Angeles was in attendence and he was called upon to talk about the California coin clubs. Some of the exhibits were: Mr. Smedley: U.S. silver dollars showing the seven major types and ten major varieties; Mr. Boosel: paper money similar to U.S. $1 bill used by magicians conventions in Chicago; Mr. Pokorney: 7 Standing Liberty quarters, including the 1918 over 1917-S; Mr. Brown: 1258-1268 bracteates from Augsburg and several small ones which were probably struck from wooden dies; and Mr. Saab: a 1916-D dime and a number of foreign coins.

20 Years Ago:

The 583rd meeting of the Club was held June 14, 1986 with 38 persons present. Kenneth Lindell was elected to membership. Harry X Boosel read a paper on a Spanish medallion issued in 1873 and the following members presented exhibits: Gerda Birkholz, Howard Eisenberg, Harry Flower, Jim Plath, and Philip More.

CASH SUMMARY

	Lawndale Checking	Citicorp Money Mkt
Balances, December 31, 1985	$418.68	$6,870.24
Cash receipts	5546.83	303.31
Cash disbursements	-7129.55	0.00
Fund transfers	1500.00	-1500.00
Balances, December 31, 1986	$336.16	$5,679.55

BALANCE SHEET

Cash - Lawndale		$336.16
Cash - Citicorp		5679.55
Receivable from Ed Milas (RARCOA)		115.71
Inventory, at cost		
Various CCC Medals	Unsubmitted **	
"Perspectives in Numismatics"	Unsubmitted **	
Numismatic items not included above	Unsubmitted **	
		n/a
TOTAL ASSETS		$6,131.42
Less: Liability for undelivered hardcover edition of "Perspectives in Numismatics"	45 books	994.50
NET ASSETS		$5,136.92

** An accounting of Club medals and books ("Perspectives in Numismatics") has not been submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1986

CASH RECEIPTS

Dues - 1986	$750.50
Dues - 1987	60.00
Medal sales	206.66
Book sales, including postage	3810.32
Photo & ads	7.20
Interest income	303.31
Postage	-1.50
Sundry	-5.00
Donations	12.00
Insurance	11.67
Auction proceeds	70.75
Button sales	6.00
Screen & projector rental	-32.35
Speaker medals	18.00
Chatter	-83.38
Banquet	510.00
Total Cash Receipts	$5,850.14

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Book, including postage	$4,263.28
Chatter, incuding postage	802.15
Meeting room	764.95
Sundry	-25.13
1986 Dues	-7.50
Postage	22.00
Awards	166.00
Medals	81.35
Screen & Projector rental	47.70
Check printing	52.70
I L N A Dues	3.00
Photos	30.80
Printing	30.35
Safe deposit box	11.50
Milwaukee ANA table	40.00
Final dues notice	26.00
Wooden nickels	77.75
Mailing labels	29.44
Auction	3.00
P.O Box	11.00
Secretary reimbursement	50.00
Editor reimbursement	50.00
Illinois registration	5.00
Club banquet	594.21
Total Cash Disbursements	$7,129.55

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Don Valenziano, Editor

Chicago Coin Club Chatter

"We Learn By Teaching"

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President Charles Ricard, 1st V.P. Robert Leonard, 2nd V.P. Don Valenziano, Archivist Carl Wolf, Directors: Peter Jorstad, Joe Tomasko, and Andrew Michyeta, Past President Saul Needleman

MEETING

Our meeting will be held Wednesday July 8, 7:30 p.m., at 29 South La Salle St., 11th floor, room J.

BIRTHDAYS

4-Chester Poderski, 9-Aubrey Bebee, 13-Gerard Anaszewicz and Glenn Smedley, 19-Richard Butt, 23-David Kunka, 24William Shepard, 27-David Simpson.

The following article is reprinted for your reading pleasure and amusement from the August, 1938 issue of Numismatic Scrapbook and is reprinted with permission from Coin World.

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"BUY WIVES WITH SHELLS"

Polygamy prevails throughout the Solomon Islands. A healthy, hard working "Mary" can be procured from her father by a native for $5 to $20, the price varying according to her beauty, strength and willingness to work in the gardens and carry heavy burdens over the jungle and mountain trails. Wives are usually obtained in exchange for pigs, tobacco, or most prized of all, shell money.

Shell money presents a difficult problem to the government. Its use puts the natives in a peculiarly independent position, for with it and the fruitfulness of their lands they can carry on without need of the white man's currency. It is most valuable in transactions where Marys are involved. The use of shell money by white traders is frowned upon and it is seldom seen in their possession.

This native currency is known also as "red money." It is made of certain small shells found in limited quantities on remote beaches and reefs. The shells are cut into flat discs, about one-fourth inch in diameter, no thicker than a dime. A tiny hole is pierced through the center of the disc, so that the money can be strung like beads. Only the natives know where the shells can be found and how they are made into money. The natives call a string of shell money five feet long a "fathom," a fathom is worth about $5 in trade. Five twists of tobacco, worth about 25¢ may be traded for a four inch length of shell money.

It may be interesting to note that the shell money of these primitive people is actually worth more than the coined metal "cash" of the Chinese, with a civilization 4,000 years old.

A PIECE OF HISTORY ENCLOSED (1965 C.S.N.S. Convention)

My interest in the history of the Chicago Coin Club blossomed several years before I became Club Archivist. As this interest deepened, I would have many long conversations with long-time members who would relate an oral history of the Club. Sometimes, they would pass on certain pieces of memorabilia to add to my already bulging files.

The enclosed souvenier/advertising bill from the Club hosted Central States Numismatic Society (C.S.N.S.) convention came to me several years ago. Member Dick Peterson handed me a box full of mixed material that had some Club related items. In it was a stack of these bills in three different varieties. One has both sides printed in black ink. The other two have one side or the other printed in green ink. Two of each have been added to our archives. Still used today as a means of advertising in numismatic circles, these bills would be passed out as much as a year in advance. For all you Club trivia buffs, I believe it was Harry X Boosel who coined the phrase, "Eventually, Everything and Everybody Comes to Chicago," which appears on the $3 side.

Held April 23 - 25, 1965 at the Pick Congress Hotel, the convention had an attendence of 3000, even though it rained during much of the three days. The badge included a Lincoln bust medal by the late J. Henri Ripstra and the supply was quickly exhausted. Not so for the three medal set of similiar design. Although the Club has recouped its costs long ago, we still own a supply of these medals.

Bourse Chairman, Dick Peterson supervised the 120 dealer bourse, a very large show at the time. Gerda Birkholz was in charge of the educational program made up by William Pettit, Kenneth Hallenbeck and Mrs. V. Clain-Stefanelli from the Smithsonian Institution. The record does not reveal what topics were discussed, but over 200 convention goers attended.

Under exhibits, Art Lovi, Pensacola, FL, received Best of Show for his collection of U.S. type coins. Some other winners were: George Hatie, Radford Sterns, Philip Budd, Harry Flower and Donald Doswell.

A large room was made available for the wives of the convention goers. Free refreshments were served continually and many women came in to relax, visit and play cards. One evening the wives of Chicago Coin Club members sponsored a card party in the room. A ladies luncheon was served in Marshall Field's Walnut Room, followed by a fashion show. On Saturday, many conventioneers took advantage of a bus tour of Chicago.

Carl F. Wolf, Club Archivist

Our Heritage

by Carl F. Wolf
Club Archivist

The Chatter
July, 1987

80 Years Ago:

The 42nd meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held July 5, 1907 in their meeting rooms at 1622 Masonic Temple with 10 members present. Eben S. Martin, Wm. E. Thompson, C.F. Gunther, and M.J. Kavanaugh were elected members.

An anonymous poem and a paper titled "The Original 1852 Half Cent" by Chester Dunham were read. Exhibitors for the evening were: Virgil Brand: a set of "Seasons" medals in silver and bronze, an 1868 proof set in aluminum, an 1846 proof set, an 1879 $20 gold piece of the goloid set, a $45.34 Kohler gold pioneer piece of 1850, and a fine collection of U.S. gold and silver; Mr. Dunham: gold half eagles of 1819 and 1822, an uncirculated $50 gold piece, and THE FAMOUS 1804 U.S. SILVER DOLLAR (called the Chicago Dollar); Theo. Leon: a round $50 slug; and Mr. Blumenschein: U.S. errored coins.

60 Years Ago:

The 101st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held July 6, 1927 with President Boyer presiding and 29 members present. George Peslier was elected to membership and Eldon C. Kaefer of Germany was called upon for a few remarks. Some of the evening's 9 exhibitors were: Mr. Boyer: 14 German coins from the Gunther collection; Mr. Jonas: a 1923 5-pfennig from the Gold Giro Bank, Scheswig-Holstein, and a medal commemorating 300 years use of the springs at Salzbrunn, Silesia; Mr. Hartell: 8 $2 1/2 gold pieces, a proof 1893-O half dollar and an 1879-CC and an 1890-CC dollars; and Mr. Gammell: a collection of dollars, embracing most dates from 1795 to 1904 and Trade Dollars from 1873 to 1883.

40 Years Ago:

The 341st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held July 2, 1947 in the Flemish Room of the Hamilton Hotel with 54 members and guests present. Col. James W. Curtis, Harold R. Wendell and David R. Denis were elected to the membership.

A report was made on a visit by the members to the museum owned by O.C. Lightner, publisher of Hobbies Magazine. Member A.E. Bebee arranged the tour and many members had turned out to see the numerous and varied exhibits. Glenn Smedley reported that Major Lohr of the Museum of Science and Industry had extended an invitation to the Club to hold a meeting at the Museum. A motion was made to accept the invitation and to hold the September meeting at the Museum. Some of the evening's exhibits were: Mr. Smedley: U.S. half dollars showing 16 of the 18 different dies; foreign gold and silver coins, including a 1888 Spanish gold and silver set baby head of Alphonso XIII which was recovered from the ship Maria Theresa at Santiago de Cuba in 1898; and Mr. Ostrander: foreign gold.

20 Years Ago:

The 584th meeting of the Club was held July 12, 1967 with 40 persons in attendence. Al Birkholz read a paper and the following members presented exhibits: I.T. Kopicki, Harry Flower, Geo. Petr, Sheldon Banoff, Glenn Smedley and Al Birkholz.

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President Charles Ricard, 1st V.P. Robert Leonard, 2nd V.P. Don Valenziano, Archivist Carl Wolf, Directors: Peter Jorstad, Joe Tomasko, and Andrew Michyeta, Past President Saul Needleman

MEETING

Our meeting will be held Wednesday August 12, 7:30 p.m., at 09 South La Salle St., 11th floor, room J. Please attend and bring a friend.

SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for the evening will be longtime C.C.C. member and A.N.A. past Govenor Harry X Boosel. His talk is titled "Why 1873" and is a preview of the educational forum he will give at the A.N.A. convention later this month.

WHO IS NEXT?

Septembers guest speaker will be David Henkle. For October we have a member benifit auction scheduled.

BIRTHDAYS

2-William Swoger, 7-William Holm, 15-Richard S. Yeoman, 17-Harry X Boosel, 19-Carl F. Wolf, 22-Edward Gordon Byrd, 23-Thomas Michell, 26-Tom Delorey and Donald H. Doswell, 31-Clarence R. Wills and SimeonWilson.

Our Heritage

by Carl F. Wolf
Club Archivist

The Chatter
August, 1987

80 Years Ago:

The 43rd monthly meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held August 2, 1907 with 15 members present and Theo. Leon presiding. Dr. C.T. Stovall, Harry F. Williams and Henry C. Post were elected to membership.

Although details are not given, it was remarked that a "true numismatic spirit was manifested" because the meeting was essentially an exhibition night and the members responded generously by bringing some of their favorite pieces. The principal exhibitors were Dr. Merrill, Virgil Brand, Theo. Leon and Mr. Excell.

60 Years Ago:

The 102nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held August 3, 1927 with 36 members present. R.H. Gore, William Witterborn and Eldon Kaefer were elected to membership. President Boyer announced that for the next few months he would be in France persuing his perfume business. Following a short talk by Dr. Rackus on his personal experiences while a young collector, 12 exhibits were given. Some of them were: Mr. Josephson: an 1851 Californian slug and a 14th century ducat of Treves; Mr. Russell: coins of Geo. IV, Wm. IV and Victoria and a 2-penny cartwheel of Geo. III; Mr. Davis: colonial copper coins of Mass., Vermont, Conn., N.J. and Virginia; Mr. Baier: German pattern coins in copper from Bavaria and Prussia; Dr. Rackus: coins from Poland, Latvia and Lithuania plus some Roman denarii arranged in a celluloid loose-leaf book; and Mr. Mckinley: a wedding medal of William of Orange and Princess Mary, 1651.

40 Years Ago:

The 342nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held August 6, 1947 with 40 members and guest in attendence. The temperture was nearly 100^{o}, so the meeting was kept short. Some of the exhibits were: Complete set of Austrian 2-shilling, compete set of Newfoundland $2 gold, complete set of German pattern 20 and 10-marks in gold and 5,3,and 1 marks in silver proof, plus other foreign gold; Mr. Brown: 1947 uncirculated sets from Canada, Belgian Congo and Venezuela; Mr. Cahill: 1918 over 1917 Buffalo nickel and a type set of 20th century Brazilian silver coins; and Col. Curtis: a small cent, 3¢ and $10 pattern coins struck on copper planchets of large cent size.

20 Years Ago:

The 585th meeting of the Club was held August 9, 1967 with 24 persons in attendence. As the Club had recently been experiencing tax problems with the I.R.S. several important changes in the Constitution and By-laws were voted upon to enable the Club to fit within the government's definition of a "non-profit" organization. The evening's exhibitors were: I.T. Kopicki, Harry Flower, George Petr, Sheldon Banoff, Glenn Smedley and Al Birkholz.

MINUTES OF 8 JULY 1987

The 824th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:36 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 1987, by Club President Charles J. Ricard. Approval of the minutes of the 823rd meeting was deferred until the next meeting. The Treasurer's Report was presented. Chester Poderski moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Carl Wolf seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The speaker for the evening was Robert Greenstein, a coin dealer active in a number of numismatic societies. His topic was "Investment and Grading Services and the Bid and Ask System." He directed the attention of Club members to a number of grading services designed to establish uniformity and to aid the growth of electronic market systems. Club members asked a number of questions about grading guarantees, certification processes, and computerized dealer-dealer trading networks.

Old business was then taken up. President Ricard reminded the members that Medal of Merit award procedures were under review. New business was then taken up. Carl Wolf moved that the CCC cast its club ballot in the upcoming ANA election for Nancy Wilson, the only CCC member running for any office. The motion was seconded by Charles Ryan. After a short discussion, the question was called and the motion passed unanimously. Other new business was then dealt with. The Club benefit auction will be held at the October meeting, with Chester Poderski acting as auctioneer for the occasion. Some discussion was held of the possibility of announcing monthly speakers two months in advance. Carl Wolf announced that he will be running the Numismatic Theater at the Atlanta ANA Convention. One particular item in the Numismatic Theater program that he brought to the members' attention dealt with the recent undersea excavation of a British military ship which sank in 1711 with over a ton of coins that had been collected from the colony of New York.

Exhibits followed. First, Chester Poderski presented a 1942/41 Mercury dime with the overstrike appearing in an unusual direction. Harry Flower then presented three Morgan dollars with advertising slogans on them. Bill Grundy then presented two ancient coins, one of Ptolemy and one showing a Roman quadriga. George Lill III presented a Brazilian NCLT "coin" with a history of fluctuating mintage statistics. Finally, Charles Ricard presented 1838-1938 wooden nickel of Canada and United States peace centennial.

Following the exhibits, Bill Shepherd moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Carl Wolf. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

William Mock

William Mock, Acting Secretary

The 823rd meeting of the Club was called to order by President Anaszewicz at 7:37 PM on Wednesday the 10th of June. Secretary/Treasurer Jorstad humbly apologized to all present for his tardiness in preparation of necessary paperwork during the past few months.....placing the blame upon his new bride (she not being present) and her incessant demands....as to moving furniture about their new home, etc; he has promised faithfully to improve his performance. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as posted in the newsletter as was also the 1986 Annual Treasurers Report. Visitors for the evening: Laura Michaels, George Lill IV, James Koutsoures and William Nawrocki were introduced to the membership. The guest speaker for the evening, James Koutsoures, was introduced and proceeded into a lengthy and often questioned discussion as to the characteristics of metals and their resulting strengths and weaknesses as pertaining to coinage and dies. After a warm round of applause at the completion of his talk he was presented the Club's Guest Speaker medal, as also was Gerry Anaszewicz for his speech of a previous month. Archivist, Carl Wolf, indicated that he was still in the beginning stages of an inventory of the Club's archives after more than a year of work upon it. It was announced that the hard cover version of the Club's book "Perspectives in Numismatics" had finally been received from the bindery after by-passing Ares Publishers in order to obtain them. All paid for copies had been sent, as well as most of the author's gratis copies and some of the out of town member's copies....those members who had copies due them were free to pick them up after the meeting was completed. After the second readings were completed, the membership approved the acceptance of Karen Santini Jorstad and Joseph Mercuri into the Club...Welcome! A letter received from Srta. Venialgo of Asuncion, Paraguay was referred to the Club's So. American correspondent for reply. The proposed By-Law change as posted in the previous months newsletter was soundly defeated by those in attendance. It was moved and seconded to drop from membership those who haven't paid their 1987 dues by the July meeting. Exhibitors: Harry Flower, Harry X Boosel, Saul Needleman, Charles Ricard, Gerry Anaszewicz, Drew Michyeta and George Lill III presented and discussed the points of interest of such diverse items as: a 1903 Philippine Proof peso, a bronze medal commemorating Sir Francis Drake's exploration of California while making his trip around the world, a Spanish 8 reales and Potosi 8 reales Proclamation piece as predecessors to the US dollar, numismatic items from the Sudbury Canada Museum, a C.C.C. presentation piece from the Boston Numismatic Society which is to be entrusted to the Club's archives, a very holey (13 official government assay test holes) Uruaguyan 1893/77 peso, two 1710 kopecks of Peter the Great, an article from the Metropolitan Coin Club of Sidney, Australia and several coins showing how Australia was using color as well as size to differentiate her new $1.00 coin. President Anaszewicz (keeping his previous promise to transfer to the East coast for career reasons) formly stepped down, turning over the reins of power to Charles Ricard who was sworn in by the Club's resident oath giver, Harry X Boosel. After a round of applause for both Past and Present Presidents, the meeting was adjourned as of 9:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Acting Secretary

September, 1987
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Don Valenziano, Editor

Chicago Coin Club

Chatter

"We Learn By Teaching"

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President Charles Ricard, 1st V.P. Robert Leonard, 2nd V.P. Don Valenziano, Archivist Carl Wolf, Directors Peter Jorstad, Joe Tomasko, and Andrew Michyeta, Past President Saul Needleman

MEETING

Our meeting will be held Wednesday September 9, 7:30 p.m.,at 29 South La Salle St., 11th floor, room J. Please attend and bring a friend.

SPEAKER

The guest speaker for the evening will be C.C.C. member David Henkle. His talk will concern information sources for the study of Latin American coins and tokens.

In October our feature will be a member benifit auction.

BIRTHDAYS

2-John Wilson, 6-Gerda Birkholz and Peter Jorstad, 7-James McMenamin, 11-Leah Klein, 16-Richard Sheppard, 18-Michael Dolnick, 24-Michael Pesha, 25-Saul Needleman.

CONVENTION REMINDER

The Illinois State Numismatic Association will hold its annual coin show September 11-13 at the Continental Regency hotel, in Peoria. Those who have been to past shows know it is worth the trip.

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The 823rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. August 12, 1987.
The minutes of the July meeting were approved. Charlie Ryant requested that the minutes indicate that the Board of Directors has no authority to fill the office of President. Authority exists only for the office of Second Vice President.
Subject to final audit the Treasurer's reports for June and July were approved.
Guests for the evening were: Kevin Daly, Dale Lukanich, and Mark Wieclaw.
Bob Leonard introduced the speaker for the evening and apologized for failing to provide a slide projector. Undaunted by the lack of the projector, Harry X Boosel proceeded to demonstrate "Why 1873?"
Having been an active member of ANA for 75 years, the Chicago Coin Club will be presented with a placque. Harry X Boosel was chosen to accept the award on behalf of the club at the convention.
Brian Stubbs was presented with the club's speaker medal for his presentation at a prior meeting.
Finally a motion was made for approval of hard cover editions of Perspectives in Numismatics to be given to members of the Book Committee and to authors. An amendment to the motion was requested to include approval of copies already given to the above recipients. The swaying argument was that the chairman of the Book Committee, Saul Needleman, had promised copies to members of the committee and to authors. The amendment was carried, the motion was carried.
Also finally coming before the membership for approval was the presentation of medals to members of the book committee and other committees. Motion was carried.
President Charles Ricard commented that from now on membership approval will be obtained prior to awards being presented.
The Literary Award Committee was appointed: Andrew Michyeta, Joseph Tomasko and William Mock. The deadline for submission of papers will be the October meeting.
The evenings' guests, officers of ILNA, "plugged" the upcoming ILNA show on September 11, 12 & 13, 1987. Exhibitors are encouraged.
The exhibits for the evening were: Dave Simpson with a montrose advertising card; Andrew Michyeta with a 1897 Dominican Republic peso; Mark Wieclaw with Irish `gunmoney'; Charlie Ricard with the Panama Canal Treaty Conament Coin 10 Balboa (1978) in Proof; Harry X Boosel with a Boston Numbers Society silver medal presented to CCC in 1935 and an 1873-s Morgan Dollar; George Lill III with two Bolivian Bank identity tokens, one of 1885 from La Paz and one of 1900 from Oruro; Carl Wolf with non-traditional coins and paper money of Japan (61 pieces) mostly from pre Perry visit in 1854; Robert Leonard with Medieval English fraction Silver coins, 8th-14th centuries (half pence and farthings, plus pence).
The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary Treasurer

Our Heritage

by Carl F. Wolf
Club Archivist

The Chatter
September, 1987

80 Years Ago:

The 44th monthly meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held on September 6, 1907 at the Society's meeting rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple. Vice President Enos Verkler presided with 10 members present. H.T. Folger and George F. Roberts were elected to membership. Theo. Leon and Ben Green, who had attended the American Numismatic Association convention in Columbus, Ohio earlier in the week, related to the membership on its proceedings. Exhibits were given but not listed in the report.

60 Years Ago:

The 103rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 7, 1926 at the Brevoort Hotel with 31 members present. As President Boyer was in France, V.P. Josephson presided. The 2 guests for the evening were Joseph Barnet of New York and Mr. Hunter, the president of the Chicago Philatelic Club. J.C. Betz and Joseph Ciszewski were elected to membership. Secretary Davis reported on several interviews with representatives of the State Bank of Chicago relative to securing replicas of coins to be used in ornamenting their new bank and the loan of specimens which would be exhibited from time to time. Mr. Duham, Sternberg and Wilson reported on the recent A.N.A. convention they had attended in Hartford. Conn. Some of the evening's 11 exhibitors were: Mr. Gammell: set of proof nickels, 1906 to date; Mr. Cederlund: 5-franc siege money of Cattaro, and 4, 2, and 1 ounce siege pieces of Zara, all struck in 1813; Mr. Strubinger: a half cent of 1793; Mr. Phelps: Panama-Pacific $2 1/2, 4 Illinois half dollars, an 1877 half dollar and a 1/2 dime of 1853; Mr. Brown: new issues for Albania, 1 lek to qinder leku; and Mr. Davis: Pitt token, Franklin Press cent, Kentucky cents, Talbot Allum and Lee cents and electrotypes of some rare colonial coins.

40 Years Ago:

The 343rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 3, 1947 at the Museum of Science and Industry at the invitation of Museum President Major Lenox R. Lohr. Major Lohr addressed the Club that evening on the subject of hobbies and man's instinct for collecting. H.A. Seaby from London was in attendence and he addressed the Club on English coin collectors and could not help but comment on the high attendence of 96 that evening. One of the evening's exhibits was Major Lohr's 4 cases of pattern coins. After the meeting the exhibition hall was opened and the members viewed Major Lohr's antique automoblie collection.

20 Years Ago:

The 586th meeting of the Club was held September 13, 1967 with 37 persons in attendence. The speaker for the evening was William Pettit who addressed the Club on the subject of the first 1892 and first 1893 Columbian half dollars struck and the story behind why they reside in Chicago museums. Much discussion took place regarding the upcoming P.N.G. show where the Club would handle the exhibits and registration.

A PIECE OF CHICAGO HISTORY FROM LEVEL & CO. BANKERS

Several years ago Jimmy Kazor, then Secretary of the Illinois Numismatic Association, passed on to me a packet of old cancelled checks. He tells me that member Ben Odesser had given them to him. One is enclosed for your collection.

There were two types in the packet, but all were from Level & Co. Bankers, 147 - 149 Van Buren Street. All were issued and cancelled between 1898 and 1901. If you notice, all have the appropriate revenue stamp. Checks were taxed at 2¢ each during this era. Some have a red stamp affixed, not unlike a regular postage stamp. Others have the stamp in the center printed lightly in gold ink.

Collecting cancelled checks is a branch of numismatics. Commonly, they are collected by city or state during a certain era. Others collect them by date, oftentimes the same month and day of their birthday. Surnames the same as yours, vignettes, revenue stamps, famous signatures are just a few more ways these historical documents can be collected.

Will they ever be worth anything? Probably not, depending on how you view it. How much is it worth to you to be entertained and amused for hours as you assemble, rearrange and catalog a collection of these pieces? Ask yourself how much you pay now to entertain yourself at a play or movie, plus a night on the town. That's not cheap either. If you add it up, building a cancelled check collection would probably be less costly, more educational and more relaxing than many other forms of entertainment you now enjoy. But, we will let you be the judge of that.

Incidently, a small amount of research was done on Level & Co. Early Lakeside Directories of Chicago show that J. S. Level was the President of the Chicago Stock Yards and Transit Co. and was a resident of the Metropole Hotel, 122 Monroe. A number of the checks were made payable to the Metropole, no doubt to pay his rent. It is impossible to get a fix on how much he paid, which might have been rather amusing, because the amounts vary. Perhaps, they relect meals, valet services, etc.

If you are interested in completing more research on Level & Co., the Chicago Historical Society and the Chicago Clearing House would be good places to start. As a tip, be aware that the address numbers do not correspond to present day numbers. Chicago instituted a major street number revision sometime after these checks were issued.

Carl F. Wolf

July 29, 1987

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Dear Fellow Members,

About five years ago I became a member of a vibrant, energetic, and ambitious Chicago Coin Club. Somewhere in those five years, that vibrancy, that energy, that ambition have eroded to the point where I see a stagnant and stale CCC.

Many things have transpired which together have created a number of warring factions within our club. I say that it is time to put our differences and our politics aside, and put the mistakes of others and ourselves behind us. I write this letter in the hope that we shall move forward, together.

This club once had a junior program with lofty goals and objectives, and the energy to reach them. We now have no junior program, at least none to speak of, no goals, and no objectives.

Several years ago, soon after I became a member of this club, I met with another member to discuss the Chicago Coin Club junior program. During the discussion, this other member, who shall remain nameless, told me that he wanted to "crush those suburban clubs", implying that those suburban club members would then be forced to come to downtown Chicago and join the CCC, as if they would have no other choice. Let me say that I heartily disagree.

In my ten years running businesses both for myself as well as others, I've learned that there are almost always several ways that a task can be perceived.

The first is a "win-lose" situation, otherwise known as "zero-sum", where every dollar that I win is in turn offset by someone else's loss. Consequently, every member gained by a suburban club is lost by the CCC. This is the perception enjoyed by the member I alluded to earlier.

The second perception isn't really a perception at all, but a harsh reality, as many personal and business relationships slide into it slowly and imperceptively, but always unintentionally. That is the "lose-lose" situation. If you constantly strive to gain at the expense of another, you will soon lose that person as a client, as a business associate, or as a friend. Just as he or she has lost, you now lose. My contention is that as the suburban clubs thrive, so too shall the CCC thrive. If the suburban clubs die, or simply languish in mediocrity, so too will be the fate of the Chicago Coin Club.

The avenue that I wish to pursue, and the one that I know will prove most fruitful, is the "win-win" approach. We would do ourselves the most good not by competing with the suburban clubs, but by working with them. We are the hub, and the suburban clubs are the spokes. In this light, I would like to offer several proposals:

(1) The role of Inter-Club Coordinator be created within the Chicago Coin Club, either as a responsibility of the Cooresponding Secretary or as a separate post, to coordinate inter-club activities between the CCC and the suburban clubs, and to keep the lines of communication open between the clubs.

(2) The suburban clubs should be encouraged to have at least one member, who is also a CCC member, to serve as a double club representative. This person's duties would be to keep his or her suburban club informed of the activities of the Chicago Coin Club, and in turn to provide a monthly summary of the activity of the suburban club for inclusion in the Chatter.

(3) While it has been suggested that our meeting place be rotated between various suburban locations to be more accessible to our suburban members, I must disagree. After all, we are the Chicago Coin Club and therefore it is only fitting that we meet in Chicago, but there is one disadvantage to this. It seems very difficult to sustain a consistently active junior membership. As such, I suggest that we rejuvenate our junior program, but that its operation be directed through the suburban clubs. By providing programs, materials, and guidance, we will be indirectly benefitting our future membership roles. If you want to see the faces of the future members of the CCC, you need look no further than the junior members of the suburban clubs. By taking this paternal role, we can only help ourselves and our future members.

Finally let me acknowledge that change is a slow process, especially when egos and personalities are at stake. Let us work toward the future, as we have nothing to lose, and everything to gain.

Most Sincerely,

Joseph R. O'Connor

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MEETING-

Our meeting will be held Wednesday October 14, 7:30 p,m. at 29 South La Salle St., 11th floor, room J. Please attend and bring a friend.

BIRTHDAYS

10-Harry Schwimmer, 12-Frank Zaylik, 13-Bernard Schwartz, 14-Joel Reznick and Marcella Sheldon, 16-Harry Flower and Paula Rezutko, 17-Margo Russell, 18-John Manus.

BANQUET PLANS

The annual dinner will be December 8th at the Bismark Hotel in the Lincoln Room. Once again cocktails will be courtesy of Ed Milas at RARCOA. We are still undecided on the meal and need your imput, should it be Chicken, Beef, Turkey, or Fish? Harry X Boosel needs to know how many members and guests will attend. If you can not attend this months meeting write to him at P.O. Box 59293, Chicago 60659. Oh yes, price: $18 per person.

Miller helps homeless

COIN WORLD, Wednesday, October 7, 1987

Collector/dealer Wayne Miller and his wife, Ann, have received a lot of attention recently because of their efforts to provide clothing and shelter for the homeless in Montana.

By the beginning of this year, they had turned about a quarter million dollars' worth of their profits into help for transients and needy families.

The couple was recognized by *Newsweek* magazine in its July 6 issue, whose theme was "A Celebration of Heroes." This publicity generated a request for an interview on NBC's *Today* show, which the couple at first declined, but later went ahead with on Sept. 17 when NBC agreed to focus the interview on the plight of the homeless rather than on the Millers.

Miller says that, with the evolution of America from an industrial and agricultural economy to a service-based economy, there has been a corresponding increase in the amount of migratory activity by people looking for work in the U.S.

Montana has been especially hard hit. Of a $50 million federal appropriation toward the purpose of aiding the homeless, Montana received only $4,700. Miller says there is a widespread misconception that the homeless problem is confined to large cities.

Such factors have led to the establishment of the God's Love Shelter in Helena, which is directed by Ann Miller and receives much of the Millers' attention.

God's Love Inc. was founded in September 1981 by Miller with help from his coin business partner at the time, Steve Contursi.

Each month, the shelter serves about 6,000 meals and affords 600 nights of rest to the homeless.

Miller says he and his wife have become motivated to pass on their own blessings to others. In August, the Millers donated $12,000 to help buy clothing for local schoolchildren. Their other donations help defray rent deposits, utility bills and costs of medication for victims of epilepsy and diabetes.

Besides the media attention, the Millers received the United Way's Alexis de Tocqueville Award for exemplifying the caring spirit in America at a ceremony held in the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., April 23.

The 824th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Wednesday September 9, 1987. The minutes of the August meeting were approved with spelling corrections: Charlie's exhibit was a commemorative coin not conaments, and Harry's exhibit was from a Numismatic Society not a Numbers Society.
The Treasurer's report was approved.
Esther Goldberg was the guest for the evening.
So far only one paper has been submitted for the Club's literary award. The deadline for submission is the October meeting.
Next month's meeting will feature the club auction.
Joe O'Connor requested that the membership become active in the Suburban clubs and open communication between clubs.
The featured speaker for the evening was Dave Henkle speaking on Latin American Tokens. Carl brought some photos of the ANA convention. Charlie Richard has been made chairman of the 1891 Club. Harry brought the "75th year of ANA membership" award that was presented to the club. Exhibits for the evening were: Ben Odesser - Nine Unattributed Tokens; Andrew Michyeta - Venezuela 2 Bolivar 1985: USA Mint Product; Charles Ricard - Castorland Medal in Cooper 1796, original die by DuVivier; Harry Flower - Maria Theresa Thaler Counterstamped for Hejaz & Nejd and A Marie Theresa Made into a picture frame; Carl Wolf - 3 claim shells used as money in USA and One metal coin box to be sold next month for Club Benefit; William Mock - Grosso from Venice (Antonio Veniero) 14th-15th Century; George Lill III - 1 mu of the Burmese Patriotic Liberation Army along with article from World Coin News; Harry X Boosel - Convention items, 1960 CCC Die (Barrel) and a Constitution (USA) $5.00 Gold Piece UNC; Joe O'Connor - An 1879-S Flat Morgan Dollar Among the finest known.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

respectfully submitted

Peter A. Jorstad

Now is the time for American Numismatic Association members to speak up and speak out!

How many times have ANA members said to themselves, "I wish the ANA would do, . . ." or "It sure would be nice if the ANA would. . . ."

Well, now the challenge is out to all ANA members: write to ANA Membership Committee Chairman Michael Haynes and tell him what you'd like to see the ANA do for you."

As the chairman, I report directly to President [Stephen R.] Taylor. Both President Taylor and I believe the ANA is organized for the collector and coin buyer. Together, we want to help — and can help — today's collector and coin buyer. The question is, "How do we help?"

Now I realize that many people may have complaints about this or that ANA policy or procedure. These complaints are important and should be addressed. However, in this particular "write your chairman campaign," I'd like to focus on what positive steps, constructive programs, new policies or exciting benefits the members of the ANA would like to see implemented. In other words, "How can we help?"

Yes, now is the time to come to the aid of your association. Pick up your pen, sharpen your pencil, dust off your typewriter and send your ideas, thoughts and wishes about ANA membership benefits to: Michael Haynes, ANA Membership Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903-3279.

Please be assured that every single letter received will be read, and every idea considered.

OCTOBER AUCTION

What follows is just a partial list of material scheduled for auction at our October 14 meeting. If you missed getting your material in early enough to be included on this list, that's okay - bring it anyway.

If in perusing the list, you do not find anything you collect, then seriously consider taking up some new collecting areas. You'll never find a better time or opportunity to start.

Bill Sheppard has agreed to serve as our auctioneer. He is under no obligation to call the items in any particular order, so be sure to arrive early to examine the material.

- Coin World, Vol. 1, No. 0, issued in March, 1960, this is the first edition of the journal that has grown to become a major news source in our hobby.
- Coca-Cola Classic in a specially issued bottle issued to commemorate the 1987 A.N.A. convention in Atlanta - a must for those numismatists who also collect Coca-Cola memorabilia.

- Steel Coin Box: holds a double row of 2 x 2s, includes 2 steel spring-like pieces to keep partial rows standing, and an outside label holder on one end - no longer made.
- Steel Lock Box with push button catch and 2 keys, 11 1/2 x 5 1/4 x 3 1/2.
- Paper Money of the United States, by Robert Friedberg, 4th edition, hardcover.
- Chicago Masonic Chapter Pennies: 1923 Garfield Park Chapter & 1907 Frank Roundy, Imperial Potentate.
- Brass Encased 1950 Jefferson Nickel, issued by the Cook County Central Democratic Committee for the Jefferson Jubilee and Democratic National Conference, May, 1950.
- Bronze, Dollar-Sized Key Chains: dedicated to the Staute of Liberty & the City of Chg.
- Philatelic Numismatic Cover: issued by Numismatic News as their 35th anniversary salute to Nat'l. Coin Week, April, 1987.
- Coin Wallets: a variety of colors, sizes and number of 2 x 2 pockets in each.
- Chicago Numismatic Society, 1907, souvenir hexagonal medal issued in celebration of their new meeting rooms at the Masonic Temple.
- Chicago Numismatic Society, 1912, 100th Meeting Medal.
- Chicago Coin Club, 1969, 50th Anniversary Medal, in silver (113 issued) & bronze (182 issued), 2 1/4".
- Chicago Coin Club, 1960, barrel-shaped 500th Meeting Medal, in silver (100 issued) & bronze (200 issued), 72 x 52 mm.
- Chicago Coin Club, 1981, 750th Meeting Counterstamped 1919 Walking Liberty Half Dollar (68 issued).
- As Above, counterstamped on a 1981-D Kennedy Half Dollar (100 issued).
- Chicago Coin Club, 1969, 600th Meeting Medalette, brass, 1 1/2".
- Oak Park Coin Club, 1963, 7th Annual Coin Exhibit, aluminum, 1 1/2".
- Elongated Lincoln Cents - 5 different.
- U.S. Large Cent, 1834, double-profile of the Matron Head type, very good.
- Eisenhower Dollars, 1971-S & 1972-S, silver clad proofs, each in their orginal mint box.
- Chicago,Copernicus Token, aluminum, value of 25.
- Netherlands/East Indies, 1754, 1/2 duit, Utrecht Mint, good condition.
- Great Britain, 1734, Farthing, fair.
- Austria, 1851-A, 1 kreuzer, very good.
- French Oceania, 1949, 1, 5, and 10 franc pieces, aluminum, extra fine condition.
- Amberg (Germany), 1921, 10 pfenning notgeld, procelain.
- Russia, 1909, 1/4 kopek, copper, about uncirculated with original mint luster.
- Egypt, 1909, 2/10 qirsh, copper-nickel, fine condition, issued by Muhammad V.
- Egypt, 1876, 5 querche, .9 silver, about uncirculated, issued by Abdul Hamid II.
- Egypt, 1861, 10 para, copper, about uncirculated, issued by Abdul Aziz.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB MEMBERS AT THE A.N.A. CONVENTION

Many club members and Chicagoans traveled to Atlanta, Georgia in August to attend the A.N.A. convention and take in all the numismatic activities it offered. Several members corroborated in this article and we hope no one has been overlooked.

A number of our members were the recipients of honors and awards. Richard Peterson and Eileen, now residents of Florida, put in many hours assisting the P.N.G. dealers. Better known to everyone as Pete, he announced that this was his last year as bourse chairman for the Guild and was honored at their banquet for his 25 years of service and dedication.

Nancy Wilson of Milwaukee was installed on the new A.N.A. Board of Governors and was giving away specially created elongated cents thanking everyone for her election. John, her husband, could not attend due to illness, so Nancy set up his paper money exhibit which received a first-place award.

Our President, Charles Ricard, had the honor to receive a chairmanship appointment and two merit awards. New A.N.A. President, Stephen Taylor appointed him Chairman of the "1891 Club," to raise funds for the A.N.A. 1991 100th anniversary convention here in Chicago. At the Token and Medal Society meeting, Charlie was cited for his 15 years of service as their treasurer and was presented with their Distinguished Service Award for a second time. He and our Archivist, Carl Wolf, were also named Numismatic Ambassadors in separate impromptu ceremonies by Clifford Mishler of Numismatic News. Ambassadorships were created by Chester Krause to give national recognition to those who have given "selfless service and dedication to the hobby.

Harry X Boosel and Tillie were there. At the main banquet, Harry accepted the club's 75 year membership plaque shown here in reduced form. Harry was also one of the three speakers invited by the ANA President to appear on the Numismatic Forum. His topic, of course, dealt with the coins of 1873. Carl Wolf, coordinator of the Numismatic Theatre with its 28 educational programs, was assisted by his wife and club member, Jennie Sochon.

Member Aubrey Bebee and Adeline of Omaha were in the spotlight since part of his collection made up the primary portion of the auction. They were also honored at the specially held membership reception.

Member dealers who had tables on the bourse included: Ed Milas and Jeff Bernberg of RARCOA, Walter Perschke and Tom DeLorey of Numisco, Arthur Kagin, Don and Anne Urchel of DARU Coins, Michael Pesha of Gold Dust Coins, and Leonard Stark and Millie. Joining the ranks of dealers were our newsletter editor, Don Valenziano, and Glenn Hudrlik.

Our first vice-president, Robert Leonard, brought his family and he appeared on a panel discussion at the Numismatic Theatre. He represented the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois.

Other club members seen enjoying the various activities over the five days included: Frank Zaylik, Ben Odesser, Richard Sheppard and his wife, Barbara, Joe Tomasko, Richard Yeoman, Margo Russell, Paul Whitnah and Oscar Dodson, an A.N.A. past-president and resident of Urbana, Illinois, who was the featured speaker before the International Primitive Money Society.

Next year, the national A.N.A. convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 20 - 24. This will be much closer than Atlanta. Start planning your vacation now so that you can attend this big event.

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"EMPEROR NORTON OF THE UNITED STATES"

BY HARVEY L. HANSEN
PIEDMONT, CALIFORNIA

Did you folks know that there has been an Emperor of these United States & that he actually issued his won currency? That is the truth, howver, & here is the story.

He belongs to San Francisco's glamorous past, & several generations ago this august figure in a military uniform with a plumed hat & gilt epaulettes used Market street as his royal promenade, & was always followed by his two beloved dogs, Bummer & Lazarus.

Emperor Norton was first known to San Francisco as a successful businessman, who came here in 1849 from the Cape of Good Hope. Through real estate transactions he ran his fortune from $40,000 to over $250,000, but in trying to corner the rice market in 1855 he lost it all. For four years he disappeared & returned to the city early in the fall of 1859 with the following proclamation: "At the preemptory request & desire of a large majority of the citizens of these United States, I, Joshua Norton, formerly of Algoa Bay, Cape of Good Hope, & now for the past 9 years & ten months of San Francisco, declare & proclaim myself Emperor of these United States. NORTON I."

San Francisco, instead of sending him to an insane asylum, entered into the apirit of the thing & he immediately became the imperial figure he thought himself to be. With his two dogs, he had the run of the best free lunches in the various bars & his "subjects" bowed to him in passing on Montgomery & Market streets.

If he wished money, he would drop in on old business friends & tender a note of "The Imperial Government of Norton I." These notes were always as good as cash & that is to the credit of the early San Franciscans. (In addition to a photo of Emperor Norton, The Numismatist published a picture of an Imperial Note. "The note reads as follows: 'No. 2571. United States. The Imperial Government of Norton I promises to pay the holder hereof the sum of fifty cents in the year 1880, with interest at 5% per annum from date, the principal & interest to be convertible, at the option of the holder, at maturity, into 20 years, 5%. Bonds, or payable in Gold Coin. Giver under our Royal hand & seal this 18th day of February, 1878, NORTON, Emperor.'")

In his reign of 25 years, he issued many proclamations & was often interviewed by the newspapers, who gave his opinions front-page space. When we had trouble with Mexico, at some one's suggestion, he added the title of "Protector of Mexico."

When he died in 1880, every important person in town went to the funeral, & it is recorded that more than 10,000 people attended the services. Suring his "reign" a Masonic Lodge paid rent for his "castle" in a Sacramento street rooming house & the Board of Supervisors bought new uniforms for him out of the money in the city treasury.

And that is the story of the imperial currency of San Francisco, California.

Editor's Note - The illustration of the above note is from one of the San Francisco newspapers, evidently made from a specimen. (The illustration is reduced. It measures 6"x2½".) Do any of our readers know of the existence of any in the hands of collectors? The number of the note indicates that a large number were issued, & it is doubtful if any considerable number were redeemed. The rather unusual circumstances surrounding their origin makes it seem that if many were still in existence the attention of collectors generally would have been drawn to them long ago. (The following month, The Numismatist had a notation that a number of these Imperial notes were, in fact, in the hands of collectors.)

Our Heritage

by Carl F. Wolf
Club Archivist

The Chatter
October, 1987

80 Years Ago:

The 45th monthly meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held October 4, 1907 in their meeting rooms at 1622 Masonic Temple. The presiding officer was William Dunham and 17 members were present. E.H. Adams, E.W. Hoague and F.J. Loer were elected to membership. The Society passed a motion to recommend to the U.S. Mint an Indian head for the comtemplated new U.S. small cent. Models were shown which were to be submitted to the Treasury Department.

Virgil Brand distributed at cost bronze and silver Pike Centennial medals and Mr. Holmes exhibited a set of U.S. cents and Theo. Leon showed Swedish plate money.

Comments were made on the greatly improved appearance and convenience of the meeting rooms with the addition of new books cases and exhibit cases. Mr. Leon also presented the Society with a pair of mounted owls, because their emblem showed the Athenian owl.

60 Years Ago:

The 104th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held October 5, 1927 at the Brevoort Hotel with 30 members and 2 guests present. The guests were Mr. Hunter and Mr. Munte of Germany. Messrs. Edward Miller, Harry Mygatt and Joseph unseitig were elected to membership. There were 4 speakers for the evening. They were: Dr. Munte, a visiting dealer from Germany, who spoke on the large silver pieces of Brunswick; Mr. Dunham who read a short poem, and then described, with the aid of drawings and diagrams, the ancient Jewish shekel; Mr. Miller who showed a novel case for exhibiting and pointed out it's many advantages; and Dr. Rackus whose talk was along general numismatic lines. Some of the 13 exhibitors were: Mr. Baier: an 1889 pattern dime, an 1870 pattern quarter and a Lewis and Clark gold dollar; Mr. Gammell: a large collection of quarters, many proof; and Mr. Cederlund: siege pieces and a number of rare counterstamped Swedish coins.

40 Years Ago:

The 344th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held October 1, 1947 in the Hamilton Hotel with 86 present and V.P. Glenn Ostrander presiding. Edward Eisler was elected to membership. Some of the 13 exhibits presented that evening were: Mr. Green: 1860 Japanese gold oban and 12 1832 Russian platinum rubles; Col. Curtis: a type set of modern coins of Panama, including the rare "Urraca" centesimo; Mr. Saab: gold coins from Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Brazil and Venezuela; Mr. Rayson: a number of English shillings; Mr. Smedley: 13 of the 15 different types and varieties of dimes issued from 1796 to 1946; and Mr. Powills: a rare proof set from Kwang-Tung.

20 Years Ago:

The 587th meeting of the Club was held October 11, 1967 with 39 persons in attendence. After much discussion regarding the up coming P.N.G. show, Howard Eisenberg talked of his recent trip to the U.S.S.R. There were six exhibitors.

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MEETING

Our meeting will be held Wednesday November 11, 7:30p.m. at 29 South La Salle St., 11th floor, room J. Please attend and bring a friend. The featured speaker will be C.C.C. member David Simpson, his topic, Scottish Numismatics.

BANQUET

The December meeting will be our annual dinner. It will be held on the 9th, at the Bismark Hotel in the Lincoln Room. Its not too late to make your reservations, see Harry X Boosel.

BIRTHDAYS

1-Phillip Gork, 4-Stewart Koppel, 8-Brian Andrew Heil, 9-Tom Ryan, 14-William Baker, 21-Paul Kruk, 24-Jeffrey Bernberg.

PUBLICATION PARTY

Walter Perschke of NUMISCO is hosting an afternoon with noted author Harry Browne on Sunday November 15th, from 2-4 p.m. in their offices at 1423 West Fullerton Ave. Advance registration of $25.oo will include an autographed copy of Mr Browne's latest work WHY THE BEST LAID INVESTMENT PLANS USUALY GO WRONG. For more information call Margie McDermott at 528-8800.

"Would you believe all the C's and D's are Mint marks?"

COIN WORLD, Wednesday, October 28, 1987

Koutsoures publishes Illinois token cataog

After seven years of research, James T. Koutsoures of Des Plains, Ill., has published "Tokens, Tags, Medals and Scrip of Evanston, Ill."

The soft-cover 75-page catalog contains more than 300 illustrations of exonumia of Evanston, Ill. Included in the reference work are beach tokens, dog licenses, good-fors, wooden money, paper and wooden scrip, sports and educational exonumia and transportation tokens.

The catalog also contains a section pertaining to horse and vehicle licenses dating from 1906.

The catalog printing was limited to 25 copies, which are available for $15 each plus $2 postage and handling, from James T. Koutsoures, 1521 Whitcomb, Des Plains, Ill. 60018.

MINUTES OF 14 OCTOBER 1987

The 825th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:39 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 1987, by Club President Charles J. Ricard. Several member guests were introduced: Esther Goldberg (guest of Ben Odesser), Yolanda D. Federici (Leah Klein), Douglas Rosenberg (Bob Leonard), Adrian Walden and Judi Walden (Nilton Garcia), Bob Clark (William Swogert), and Laura Michaels (guest and bride of William Mock). The minutes of the 824th meeting were approved. No Treasurer's Report was presented, so two will be presented at the next meeting.

Committee reports were then presented. Book Sales and Medals: Bob Leonard reported on that seventeen hard- and soft-cover books were sold at the ANA Convention. Medal of Merit: Carl Wolf reported that the CCC may have one new Medal of Merit recipient this year. Efforts are underway to revitalize the program to avoid any need to change the selection rules. Literary Awards: Saul Needleman submitted the only paper, which has been referred to the Literary Award Committee. Program: The November speaker will be Dave Simpson, talking on Scottish coins.

There were no new member readings. The meeting then turned to other new business. Harry Flower was announced to have received an ANA award for his talk on numismatic tributes to Einstein. Harry X and Tillie Boosel have selected the Bismark Hotel as the site of the annual banquet, at $17.00 per person. Club members chose turkey as the primary entree, with fish as an alternative. Please contact Harry and Tillie promptly to make reservations.

Exhibits followed. Harry Flower exhibited various advertising mailings with coins glued on them, and an attractive reprint of his ANA article on Albert Einstein medals. Bill Mock exhibited two ancient Celtic coins: a British potin coin and a Contenintal "Devil's Head" tin coin. William Swogert exhibited a 1484 Tyrolian 1/2 gulden coin, the first coin fully dated in Arabic numerals, and a gold medal issued to commemorate Crown Prince Hirohito's world "peace trip." Charles Ricard exhibited an octagonal silver Napoleanic jeton issued in Paris in 1804 and a French book on jetons, including illustrations of some designed by his ancestor, Du Vivier. Carl Wolf exhibited three pieces of primitive money: two items of pounded and decorated tree bark, known as tapacloth, from Fiji and the Solomon Islands, and a woven Sudanese barter cloth. Bob Leonard exhibited a set of tokens in copper and german silver, issued by the Cafe Werner in Haifa, Palestine/Israel. Ben Odesser exhibited three items: a San Antonio bus token valid only for the Pope's visit; a pocket mirror with a Polish inscription advertising a Chicago funeral parlor; a U.S. Naval Academy medal displaying Michaelson Hall.

A Club auction was then held. Many lots of numismatic items were auctioned off, with several attracting spirited bidding. Junior collectors in attendance were particularly active, obtaining many lots. Following the auction, the meeting disbanded.

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"OLD YELLOW MEDALS"
FROM THE OREGONIAN

Workmen, while demolishing an ancient building in the Latin quarter in Paris a short time ago, found some small sewn sacks. On opening one, it was seen to contain what the men took for old yellow medals. The sacks were thrown aside, and, at the end of the day, the men took the medals home for their children to play with. One fellow, more curious than the rest, went to a jeweler with a sample, and somewhat of a sensation was created when the jeweler pronounced it a "Louis d'or" (gold louis), and old French coin formerly worth about 20 shillings.

The "medals" were hastily rescued from the children, proved all to be coins of the reign of Louis IV, 1716 to 1753, and of hte present worth of about $70000. Under French law, half the value goes to the finders, the other half to the owners of the property upon which the money was found.

Aside from the romantic interest which always attaches to treasure-trove, the incident is notable as a commentary on the change in the common attiude toward what constitutes money. Definitely, the ordinary people in leading countries are "off the gold standard." Notes of paper are the recognized medium of exchange. It seems a little extreme that grown persons would not recognize gold coins, but, indisputably, there are many good-sized youngsters in America who might well think a "double-eagle" just an old yellow medal.

Twenty-five years ago, in Portland, in the "papa and mama" stores, paper money was eyed askance, taken into the back rooms, subjected to family consultations, and sometimes brought back to the customers with the query, "Haven't you got any gold or silver?"

Have a 'Vignette'

Though not a collector of paper money or wooden nickels, attending shows has made me somewhat of an accumulator of both. We are, perhaps, more familiar with the wooden nickel as the chief memento of most coin shows, however, searching the registration tables will sometimes yield a more fascinating souvenir; a copy of an old Bank Note. These notes represented much of the currency used in our country up to the mid, to late, 1860's. They consisted of a wide variety of denominations and were issued by state and city banks. The artistry seen on these notes are so diverse, they appear to suggest a period when "real freedom" in design flourished. Engraver would endeavor to make the notes as attractive as possible. Some designs showed pastoral settings or different environments coexisting in perfect harmony, so as to create peace, tranquility or serenity. Others with ships or locomotives would send a message of strength, force or a moving commerce. Who could refute the security of a note signed by the bank president? Better left to the fascination of our imaginations than see these in use today! I won't say, "Don't take any wooden nickels", but do check those information tables and perhaps pick up a scene of early life in America.

Submitted by: Joe Tomasko, Jr.

Our Heritage

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80 Years Ago:

The 46th monthly meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held November 1, 1907 in their meeting rooms at 1622 Masonic Temple. President Dunham presided and 13 members were present. J. Henri Ripstra and J.W. Sears were elected to membership.

William Dunham made some experiments with acid on various metals and explained its effects. Mr. Baker won a silver medal by winning a test of memory in regard to the U.S. 1907 cent. The exhibitors for the evening were: Mr. Williams: a nearly complete U.S. type set; Virgil Brand: Belgian trail pieces in gold, silver, copper and lead, a very fine Cromwell 9 pence and some rare anicent gold and seige pieces; Dr. Merrill: Peruvian gold; Ben Green: 50th meeting medal of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

60 Years Ago:

The 105th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held Noverber 2, 1926 at the Brevoort Hotel with 36 members in attendence. The evening's program was lead by Dr. Rackus who spoke on the mediums of exchange in use in primitive America and illustrated his talk with wampum beads, Aztec chopping knife money and other specimans. V.P. Josephson then called upon Dr. Luttenberger, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gammell, Dr. Rackus and Mr. McKinley to tell how each had become a coin collector. Some of the 16 exhibitors for the evening were: Mr. Sternberg: a collection of cents from 1793 to 1857, showing many varieties; Mr. Ripstra: a series of 32 bronze plaques of European celebrities; Mr. Miller: a type collection of U.S. coins; seige pieces of Geneva and a number of counterstamped coins.

40 Years Ago:

The 345th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held November 5, 1947 with 83 persons in attendence. As the evening was Ladies Night, Mrs. Merkel, the 2nd V.P., spoke briefly about how ladies collect coins which a usually more artistic rather than entire sets of dates and mint marks which men usually collect. She then called upon 5 other ladies who presented some of the following exhibits: Mrs. Rayson: small coins of the world, including a 1/1200 of a cent of Palemland, Sumatra made of tin and clay and fractions of chuck-rams which were used in India and carried between the gums and cheeks; Mrs. Kurtzeborn: coins and tokens made into buttons and earrings; Mrs. Green: 8 large gold coins showing different hairdressing styles.

20 Years Ago:

The 588th meeting of the Club was held November 8, 1967 with 35 persons in attendence. A complete report of the recent P.N.G. show was given by Jim Budd. Exhibitors for the eveing were James Grebinger, Philip More, Harry Boosel and I.T. Kopicki.

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MEETING

Our Annual Banquet will be held on December 9th in the Lincoln Room of the Bismark Hotel, 171 West Randolph Street. Cocktails will be served from 6:30 to 7:30, compliments of Ed Milas and RARCOA. Dinner will follow your choice of fish or foul- $17.00

The guest speaker will be noted authority anddealer of Ancient coins, Harlan Berk.

If you have not already made your reservations, do so immediately by calling Carl Wolf at 454-9696. You can pay at the dinner.

CALL NOW !

BIRTHDAYS

3-Richard Martin, 6-Albert Ivan and Allen Meyer, 7-Louis Rezutko and Brian Stubbs, 9-Howard Eisenberg,11-Philip More, 12-Juan Rodriquez, 14-Bill Grundy, 17-Allen Schechter, 21-Frank Olenicki, 23-Edward Milas, 27-Ben Odesser, 31-Harold Klein.

We Mourn The Passing Of
His Honor Harold Washington
Mayor of Chicago
1922 to 1987

MANY OF US CLUB MEMBERS WERE BORN AFTER THE GREAT DEPRESSION. THE SHORTAGE OF CASH THAT IT CAUSED SPAWNED ALL KINDS AND TYPES OF SCRIP. BELOW IS AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE APRIL 1932 ISSUE OF THE NUMISMATIST & IS REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION.

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AND NOW WOODEN MONEY IS A REALITY

When your Uncle Abner goes to the city it's almost certain some rustic will warn him "not to take any wooden nickels," but many residents of this community on the main Pacific highway took wooden money today. Furthermore, they paid the butcher & baker with it, says a press dispatch from Tenino, Washington.

The story of Tenino's "poker chip" money tells of one of the oddest bits of financing of the depression - & the most successful, too, for it worked perfectly.

Tenino was in tightened curcumstances when the town bank closed recently. The chamber of commerce appointed a committee to thaw the bank's ceries & clothing. The committee learned from bank liquidators when dividends were to be paid & also the amounts due depositors. Then veneer plywood was cut in size & thickness of silver dollars & stamped in 25-cent, $1, $5 & $10 denominations. Signatures of the committee, composed of Don M. Major, newspaper editor, & two town doctors, guaranteed the coins.

Depositor Ben Bush needed $500. He had the amount coming within a few months in a dividend, but couldn't wait. The committee issued $500 in wooden money to him. He in turn, agreed to redeem the "chips" in cash when the dividend was paid. Other depositors likewise received wooden "money" & were able to buy what they needed. The "money" is as "good as gold" & Tenino is liquid & solvent, its business men said.

And now comes the information that this wooden money is worth more than gold, for a demand for it has been created by collectors all over the country who want specimens & are willing, in most instances, to pay double face value for it.

A circular issued by the Tenino (WA) Clearing House reads as follows: "Wooden money is a circulating medium in Tenino, WA, as a part of the plan of its Chamber of Commerce to thaw the frozen assets held in an insolvent bank. The Chamber of Commerce is accepting assignments up to 25% of the depositor's account in the bank, that being the expected proportion of the first dividend. In return scrip is issued to the amount of the assignment, in denominations of $10, $5, $1, 50¢ & 25¢. Most of the business people have agreed to accept the scrip at face value, so it serves as a medium of exchange, doing duty every time it turns over, until the time comes for redemption. In order to protect the scrip from counterfeiting, the signatures of the 3 trustees are necessary, & the larger denominations are on lithographed forms, while the smaller fractional currency is on 3-ply sheet-wood of Sitka spruce, a unique Washington timber product.

"Tenino is located in the center of southern Thurston county, an area containing thousands of acres of timber, valuable coal lands, sandstone quarries, dairying & general farming. Over 3000 acres of strawberries & cane berries have also aided in making the county one of the fastest growing agricultural districts in the N.W. It is within easy access of the Pacific Ocean, Puget Sound, the Columbia River, & Mt. Rainer National Park. It is on the Pacific Hwy. & has 3 transcontinental railrds.

"The Tenino Chamber of Commerce offers its plan to combat the depression. It has proven that with confidence it can disprove even the old gag, 'don't take any wooden money.'"

Farran Zerbe, Curator of the Chase National Bank Collection, sends the following description of the 3 smaller denominations:

Face - 25¢, printed in blue; 50¢, printed in red; $1, printed in brown.

Reverse - 25¢, printed in brown, has Washington's protrait in center of wide rays; 50¢, printed in blue & $1, printed in green, have Lincoln's portrait in center of starred field. All have "Tenino, Wash." below.

Al Capone, the Chicago Coin Club and You

In your September issue of The Chatter, you should have received a cancelled check from Level & Co. Bankers. Was it made payable to the Metropole Hotel? Many of them were. If so, then read on. Member Allen H. Meyer received his and was so intrigued that he did some digging and wrote us the following letter.

"The Level check I received was for $125, payable to "Rialto Company" - which I thought to be worth investigating.

In the City Directory for 1901, the Rialto Company was engaged in Real Estate (with Alfred Cowles as President) at 145 VanBuren. The Rialto Building was located at 135-153 VanBuren (which is inclusive of both the payee's address and the address of Mr. Level's banking business at 147-149 Van Buren). Thus, this check was apparently for rent for the bank business.

In 1909, Chicago changed its street numbering system, and the address today would be:

	Old	Current
Rialto Building	135-153	710-730 VanBuren
Metropole Hotel	122	631-711 Monroe

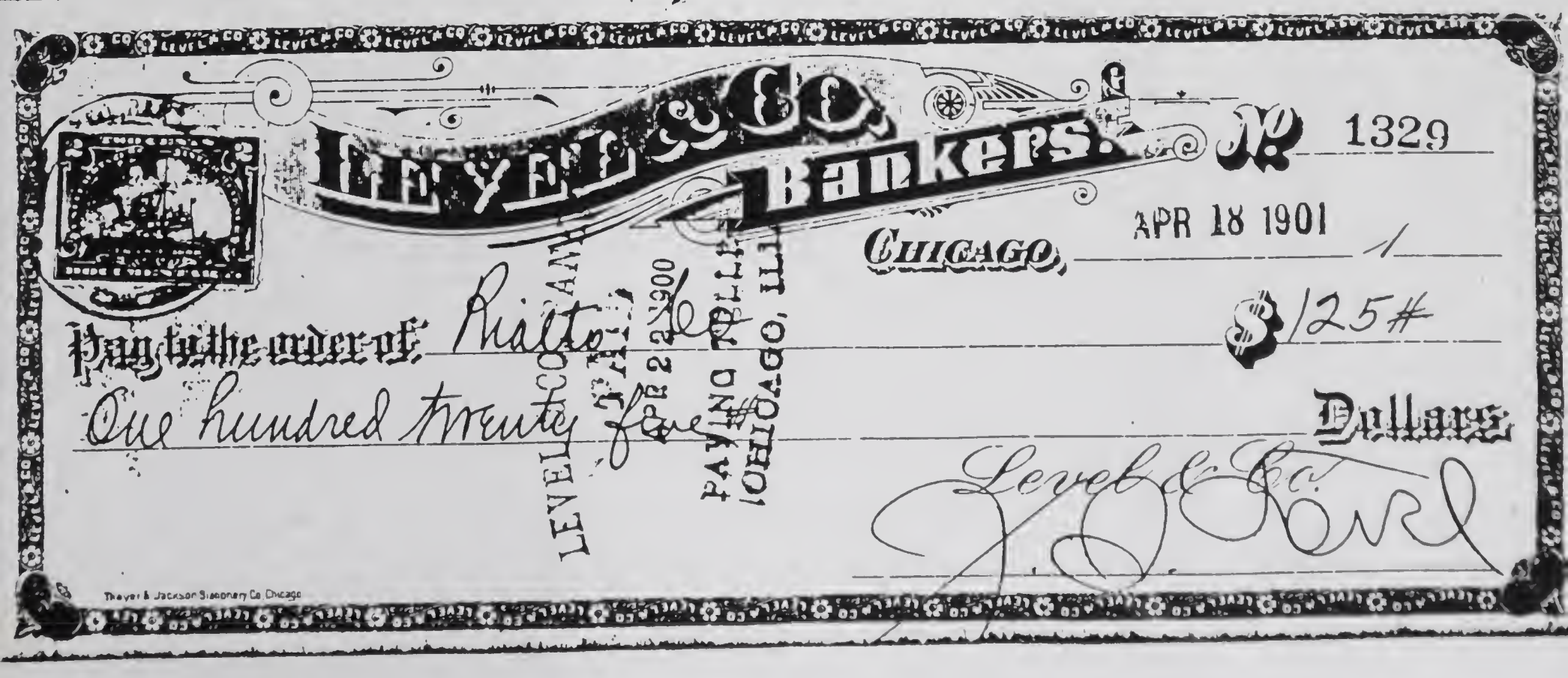
A recent physcial examination of that area revealed that the Rialto Building site is now part of the Halsted Street turn around of the Eisenhower Expressway, as well as a City of Chicago Pumping Station. The Metropole Hotel, likewise, is gone; part of that site is now the Brinks office building (at 711), and a ramp to the Dan Ryan Expressway to its west.

In the 1905 Lakeside Directory, John S. Level was no longer listed at the Rialto Building, his banking enterprise was no longer in business, but he was listed in the business of "Bonds," operating out of the Metorpole Hotel.

By the 1910 Lakeside Directory, he was still living at the Metropole Hotel - but, between 1905 & 1910, the Metropole had moved from Monroe and was now located at 23rd & Michigan. This hotel is now famous as the headquarters during the 1920's of Al Capone and, more recently, of Geraldo Rivera fame. By 1910, John was listed as President of the "Chicago Stock Yards & Transit Company' operating out of his hotel room!

The 1915 Lakeside Directory does not list either John S. Level or his company. He either died or moved from that area but, notwithstanding the impressive title of his company, it was out of business by 1915.

We checked Probate Court index records, from 1911 to 1943, and found no record of his death. John was not listed in Who's Who of Chicago, nor were his companies among those which advertised in the Directories. This does not diminish the worth of the checks given to our membership, but our banker/bond investor/stock yard and transti entrepreneur was somewhat less than we had hoped to discover. The challenge was more fun than the results."



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80 Years Ago:

The 47th monthly meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held December 6, 1907 with 19 members present. Edward R. Heissler an Howard R. Newcomb were elected to membership.

A resolution was offered commending the course of President Theodore Roosevelt in his endeavor to improve the appearance of our current coinage. The sense of the Society was found to be favorable to the St. Gauden's designs on the $20 gold piece and adverse to those on the $10 piece. The following were elected to serve in 1908: Virgil M. Brand, President; J.B. Holmes, V. P.; Ben G. Green, Secretary; F. Elmo Simpson, Treasurer; Chester Dunham, Librarian; M. P. Carey, Curator, Harry F. Williams, Censor; and Wm. Duham, Ben Green and W.H. McDonald to the Executive Board.

A silver proof coin was won by Mr. Brand as a prize for test of memory in regard to the U.S. standard dollar. McKinley Memorial medals were distributed at cost and one was placed in the Society's cabinet.

60 Years Ago:

The 106th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held December 7, 1926 at the Brevoort Hotel with 30 members and 1 guest present. The following were elected to office for 1928: President, Dr. A.M. Rackus; V.P., L.P. Josephson; Secretary-Treasurer, Elmer Lawless. The evening's program and exhibits dealt with counterstamped coins and Mr. Cederlund and Dr. Rackus lead the discussion by describing the usual reasons these coins came into existance. Some of the exhibitors were: Mr. Carlson: counterstamped coins from the Danish West Indies, among them U.S. coins; Mr. Davis: counterstamped Spanish dollar for England; Mr. Cederlund: 75 different counterstamped coins, including plate money and cut Spanish pieces; Dr. Rackus: counterstamped coins, including ancient Greek and Roman pieces, among them were a Hungarian ducat of Ladislaus V counterstamped with the horseman of Lithuania and a thaler of Friesland similarly counterstamped.

40 Years Ago:

The 346th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held December 3, 1947 with 61 present. The following officers were elected to serve in 1948: President, I.T. Kopicki; 1st V.P., Glenn Ostrander; 2nd V.P., Mrs. Caroline Merkel; Sec.-Treas., Earl Brown; Directors, Earl Barger, M. Vernon Sheldon and Dr. Joseph Reich. Some of the six exhibitors for the evening were: Col. Curtis: a pattern "Morgan" quarter in proof, an 1841 half cent in proof (only 9 known) and an 1856 half cent pattern in copper-nickel; Mr. Sheldon: issue no. 6 of the Circle of Friends of the Medallion; and Mr. McDermott: 1913 Liberty Head nickel (6 known), 1876-CC twenty cent piece (12 known)1836 pattern gold dollar with rays, 1915 Lincoln cent struck on a gold planchet, 1892-micro O half dollar, uncirculated, and a rare 1652 Pine Tree shilling - Mr. McDermott was absent from the room when his exhibit was called so another member presented his coins.

20 Years Ago:

The 589th meeting of the Club was held December 13, 1967 with 42 persons in attendence.